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# LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

This year, POGO celebrates a quarter century of shining an investigative light into the shadowed corridors of government. POGO grew out of the offices of the National Taxpayers Union and was originally named the Project on Military Procurement. We were adopted by the Fund for Constitutional Government and moved into a tiny office above a Chinese restaurant, where Pentagon whistleblowers dropped off documents in unmarked envelopes. The Project made its mark by looking into Pentagon fraud and waste, spotlighting overspending on overpriced toilet seats, coffee makers, and other spare parts. This led Herb Block, editorial cartoonist for *The Washington Post*, to perpetually depict then-Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger with a toilet seat draped around his neck.

Sixteen years ago, we expanded our mission to examine all federal agencies, becoming the Project On Government Oversight. Today, our office is larger but still modest. We hear from nearly a hundred government sources and whistleblowers monthly, and still get the occasional unmarked envelope slipped under the door. POGO's range of investigations has come to include homeland security concerns; government subservience to commercial interests; mismanagement and abuse in government contracting; excessive secrecy; and mismanagement of natural resources by federal agencies.

Throughout our years of working toward a more honest and accountable government, one thing has remained the same – if we dig in the right place, a government official usually shows up at our door trying to intimidate us! We have been fortunate over the years to prevail in efforts to thwart our investigations or reveal our sources. There have been numerous attempts to silence our criticisms including endeavors to hold us in contempt of Congress for refusing to hand over our home and office phone records, and an attempt to confiscate our office files.

Integrity in the federal government is under assault today more than it has ever been since POGO was founded. Corruption in government is undermining the public's confidence in the democratic process. So, while we celebrate our accomplishments, we see that POGO's mission to make the government more honest, open, and accountable must not only continue but must also meet the unknown challenges the future will bring.



A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Danielle Brian".

Danielle Brian  
Executive Director

“ POGO sheds light on the unholy alliance that exists between government agencies and contractors. At times, it seems there is no one out there fighting for good government – except POGO. ”

Senior Federal Procurement Official

# ABOUT POGO

Founded in 1981, the Project On Government Oversight (POGO) is an independent nonprofit that investigates and exposes corruption and other misconduct in order to achieve a more accountable federal government.

From the beginning, POGO (which was then known as Project on Military Procurement) has worked to expose outrageously overpriced military spending such as the \$7,600 coffee maker and the \$436 hammer. In 1990, after many successes reforming the military, POGO expanded its mandate to investigate systemic waste, fraud, and abuse in all federal agencies.

While some organizations develop grassroots movements to place pressure on Members of Congress, and other organizations focus their funds and energy on hiring lobbyists to work the government system from the inside, POGO is unique in its approach.

POGO conducts in-depth investigations into public policies in dire need of reform, develops recommendations based on those investigations, and then advocates for the implementation of the recommendations or solutions.

POGO uses investigative journalism techniques to shed light on the government's activities, including working with whistleblowers and anonymous sources, and accessing information through the Freedom of Information Act.



1981

Project on Military Procurement founded by Dina Rasor to expose waste, fraud, and abuse in the defense budget.

1981

The Project exposes first operational test failures of the M-1 tank and challenges the effectiveness of several weapons, including Air Force AWACS and terrain-guided cruise missiles.

1982

The first of several appearances by Dina Rasor on the *Phil Donahue Show* exposing the Pentagon's outrageously overpriced spare parts.

1983

Dina Rasor publishes *More Bucks, Less Bang*, a collection of investigative articles illustrating the failures of the weapons bureaucracy.

1983

Congress forms the Pentagon Operational Test and Evaluation Office after the Project advocates the need for such an office.

“In today's Washington, the pressures on honest government workers to remain silent in the face of waste, fraud and abuse are intense. These insiders need more than a profound commitment to the public interest when they speak up – they need POGO.”

Representative Ed Markey (D-MA)

Government and corporate whistleblowers and insiders bring POGO many of its important investigative topics. POGO informs the public of its findings, in large part through reports that contain extensive documentation and recommendations for how to solve the problems that are identified. Once a report has been released, many more insiders usually approach POGO to provide further documentation and information.

By gathering information and building relationships with whistleblowers and government insiders, as well as by collaborating with other nonprofit organizations, POGO is able to get to the root of the issues in question. We can then provide realistic recommendations for solving age-old problems that have plagued the government and the services it is responsible for providing.

POGO is often asked to testify at congressional hearings and to provide background information and questions to Members of Congress, government agency representatives from the executive branch, the Government Accountability Office, several Inspectors General. By applying internal and external pressure through the media, the public, government insiders, and policymakers, POGO helps ensure that the federal government implements policies and programs in a manner that benefits all Americans.



1983

The Project's exposure of the C-5B \$500 million cost overrun results in a market selling frenzy and the closing of the trading board for Lockheed stock.

1983

In a television profile, Bill Moyers compares Dina Rasor and the Project's ability to get inside Pentagon information to that of Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger.

1984

The Project exposes purchases by the Department of Defense such as the \$7,600 coffee makers and \$436 hammers.

1985

Pentagon cancels Sgt. York DIVAD gun after the Project documents systematic downgrading of gun's requirements due to contractor's failure to meet its promises to the Army.

1985

The Project raises awareness of "revolving door" policies within Pentagon, leading to a law prohibiting government employees from going to work for the companies they oversee.

# POGO'S ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN 2005

## HOMELAND SECURITY

- Congress appropriates \$10 million for consolidating nuclear materials, which POGO had recommended to improve security and reduce the waste of taxpayer dollars.
- Department of Energy transfers weapons-grade nuclear materials from vulnerable site at Los Alamos National Laboratory to more secure site, after POGO's four-year struggle to remove those materials from this site.

## CONTRACT OVERSIGHT

- Congress passes legislation preventing Department of Energy contractors from charging frivolous whistleblower litigation costs to the taxpayer.
- The government makes agreements with law-breaking contractors available to public.
- White House drops plan to allow government employees to charge up to \$250,000 on government purchase cards.

## DEFENSE

- Senate forces Army to restructure the Future Combat System contract to improve oversight, transparency, and accountability.
- Senate forces Air Force to restructure the C-130J cargo aircraft contract, which the Pentagon Inspector General has indicated is a disaster for the taxpayers and the people who must fly and maintain these aircraft.

## OPEN GOVERNMENT

- POGO wins lawsuit against then-Attorney General John Ashcroft for illegally retroactively classifying information critical of the FBI.
- Congress and President's Council on Integrity and Efficiency mount investigations into the government's whistleblower agency in response to a complaint filed by POGO, agency staff, and other organizations.
- Congress approves funding for the Public Interest Declassification Board that was created to provide independent review of classification decisions.
- Federal Election Commission Inspector General issues a report confirming POGO's findings that election data is inaccurate and unreliable.
- Department of Homeland Security abandons proposal to force employees to sign secrecy oaths after criticism from POGO and others.
- Congress passes state-of-the-art protections for nuclear whistleblowers.



Danielle Brian observes the Army's Stryker first-hand.

1985

Dina Rasor publishes *Pentagon Underground*, chronicling the creation of the Project and its work.

1986

The Project champions Senator Charles E. Grassley's (R-IA) legislation that makes the False Claims Act the most effective tool to fight fraud against the government.

1987

The Project helps defend Air Force whistleblower A. Ernest Fitzgerald's assertion of his First Amendment rights when he refuses to sign a government-wide "gag order."

1989

The Project and the Government Accountability Project publish *Courage without Martyrdom: A Survival Guide for Whistleblowers*.

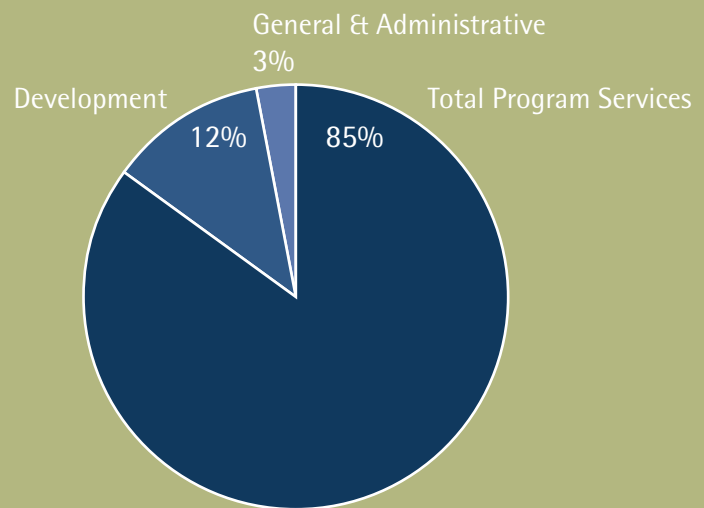
1990

The Project expands to include all federal agencies and changes its name to the Project On Government Oversight (POGO).

# STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

For the Year Ended December 31, 2005 \*

REVENUE & SUPPORT	
Grants	\$ 384,683
Contributions	161,951
Investment Income	34,289
Special events revenue	12,024
Publications and other income	4,538
<b>TOTAL REVENUE AND SUPPORT</b>	<b>597,485</b>
EXPENSES	
Program Services	
Nuclear Weapons Complex Security	225,953
Contractor Accountability	220,786
Defense Investigations	142,982
Whistleblower Protections	94,986
General Program	91,677
Government Secrecy	71,704
Homeland Security	30,587
Nuclear Power Security	20,373
Energy & Natural Resources	5,094
Lobbying	5,094
<b>Total Program Services</b>	<b>909,236</b>
Supporting Services	
Development	123,325
General & Administrative	30,553
<b>Total Supporting Services</b>	<b>153,878</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>1,063,114</b>
Change in Net Assets	-465,629
<b>NET ASSETS, BEGINNING OF YEAR</b>	<b>1,505,688 **</b>
<b>NET ASSETS, END OF YEAR</b>	<b>1,040,059</b>
* Unaudited	
** Figure includes multi-year grants received in 2004 designated for 2005	



“ POGO: fearless, indefatigable and savvy. To hold federal officials accountable to the people they represent, POGO goes where few organizations dare tread to expose inefficiencies and outright corruption. Thank goodness they are there. ”

Lee Wasserman  
Director  
Rockefeller Family Fund

1991

Justice Department forced to fine SAIC after POGO exposes the contractor's attempts to use political connections to escape prosecution.

1992

POGO exposes lavish Congressional junkets, which leads to fewer taxpayer-sponsored Congressional vacations.

1993

POGO is credited with cancellation of the wasteful \$11 billion Superconducting Super Collider project, the largest government program cancelled up to that point.

1993

Secretary of Energy Hazel O'Leary dispatches Inspector General agents to POGO's offices in an attempt to uncover its sources of Supercollider document leaks.

1994

POGO wins first victory defending the False Claims Act, a key government anti-fraud law, from defense industry attacks.

# BEYOND THE HEADLINES AND BI-PARTISAN AWARDS EVENT 2005

On November 17, POGO presented the Beyond the Headlines and Bi-Partisan Leadership Awards.

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The *Beyond the Headlines Award* was created to recognize a person who has tenaciously pursued efforts to create a more accountable and responsive federal government. This person is one whose work went beyond reaching for the headlines, and whose cause is consistent with POGO's mission. The award is presented each year to someone who is devoted to advancing public interest over private gain, and who has initiated substantial public policy improvements.

**Past recipients include:**

Senator Charles Grassley (R-IA)

Robert Martin, EPA National Ombudsman

Bill Hedden, Utah Conservation Director, Grand Canyon Trust

Philip E. Coyle, III, former Director, Pentagon Operational Test and Evaluation Office

Scott Armstrong, Investigative Journalist and Executive Director of Information Trust

Gloria Flora, former Supervisor, U.S. Forest Service

Anthony Rizzo, Jr., Security Officer, Salem & Hope Creek Nuclear Power Plants



POGO's Danielle Brian and Beth Daley present award to Russ Kick.

The 2005 *Beyond the Headlines Award* was presented to Mr. Russ Kick, who has used his Memory Hole website and blog – maintained primarily out of his own pocket – to catalog and disperse “material that is in danger of being lost, is hard to find, or is not widely known.” The site is most recognized for posting photographs gained through the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) of previously undisclosed flag-draped coffins returning from Iraq.

1995

Air Force retroactively classifies Area 51 document obtained by POGO and threatens to confiscate POGO's files.

1996

POGO-generated media attention forces Department of Interior to bill oil industry for \$385 million in unpaid royalties.

1996

POGO wins battle enforcing EPA standards at the super-secret Area 51 where the illegal burning of hazardous wastes caused worker deaths. The military commits to applying environmental laws to all “black facilities.”

1997

The General Accounting Office affirms POGO's 1991 report criticizing the over-hyped results of high-tech weapons in the Gulf War.

1998

Department of Health and Human Services recommends waiting before using antibiotics for children's ear infections after whistleblower works with POGO to expose drug industry influence.



“ POGO represents the strength of our democracy because it is the kind of organization only America has. It provides independent oversight and acts as an outlet for people inside the system who are denied a voice. ”

**Franklin C. Spinney**  
retired Staff Analyst for the  
Office of the Secretary of Defense

The *Bi-Partisan Leadership Award* was created to recognize Members of Congress and other leaders who work together across the aisle to promote a more open, honest, and accountable government. This is the first year that POGO has presented this award.

Senators John Cornyn (R-TX) and Patrick Leahy (D-VT) are the first recipients of our newly-created *Bi-Partisan Leadership Award*. Senators Cornyn and Leahy have been combining forces to increase government transparency and strengthen FOIA. In their most recent effort, Senators Leahy and Cornyn sponsored the OPEN Government Act of 2005 (S. 394), as well as other open government bills, which prevents burying exemptions to FOIA in legislation.

Senator Cornyn is a long-time defender of an open government and has worked on other measures to fortify FOIA. While serving as Texas Attorney General, he led an open-government initiative.

Senator Leahy has consistently supported measures to strengthen open government and whistleblower protection. In the past, he has worked on other measures to beef up FOIA and has garnered bi-partisan support for corporate whistleblower protection.

“ If you feel something's wrong, speak your mind. POGO helped me to prove that you don't have to be rich or politically connected to have your voice heard – if you try hard enough it can be done. ”

**Anthony Rizzo, Jr., Security Officer**  
Salem & Hope Creek Nuclear Power Plants



Senators John Cornyn (R-TX) and Patrick Leahy (D-VT) receive POGO's first Bi-Partisan Leadership Award.

1998

POGO wins second victory defending the False Claims Act after POGO's report shows \$2 billion was recovered from health care fraud cases because of the Act.

1998

POGO report reveals the Federal Aviation Administration failed to address faulty wiring problem, resulting in the grounding of hundreds of 737 airplanes nationwide.

1999

EPA requires improved aerosol safety labels warning of the highly-flammable content of bug bombs in response to a POGO investigation of industry pressure on the government.

2000

Department of Interior begins to collect \$70 million more annually from oil companies drilling on federal, state, and Native American lands after POGO advocates for companies to pay fair market value.

2000

POGO helps coordinate efforts leading to President Clinton's veto of a bill which included a whistleblower-silencing clause known as the Official Secrets Act.

# POGO'S OUTREACH AND IMPACT

By conducting comprehensive research and advocating solutions from a nonpartisan position, POGO has gained a reputation for making substantive recommendations for policy reform. POGO's research and investigative products are regularly used by the news media, Members of Congress and their staff, nonprofits, and government agencies.

## MEDIA

POGO generates or is quoted in an estimated 3,000 media stories per year. During 2005, POGO worked regularly with major television, print, and radio news outlets including cable and broadcast network news channels, national newspapers, news magazines, trade publications, and national radio outlets. POGO particularly works closely with investigative reporters on longer in-depth news stories by helping them to gain access to documents and experts to inform their coverage.

## CONGRESS

POGO enjoys good working relationships with Republican and Democratic Members of Congress, and often accomplishes its policy reform goals with their help. In each of the past two years, approximately five congressional hearings have been called as a result of POGO's research, and many Members of Congress use POGO-generated information. POGO is also invited to testify or speak at an average of ten additional congressional hearings and events every year.



2000

Rep. Don Young (R-AK) subpoenas POGO's phone records in effort to determine its oil industry whistleblowers. POGO prevails in its refusal to comply despite Young's attempt to hold POGO in contempt of Congress.

2000

Federal Election Commission implements some of POGO's campaign finance disclosure reform recommendations.

2000

Department of Energy decides to move 10.5 million-ton Moab uranium mill tailings pile from the banks of the Colorado River, after POGO exposes government's failure to protect public health and safety.

2001

Oil companies pay total of \$440 million for fraudulently drilling on public lands; money goes to public education, taxpayers, and land and water conservation funds.

2001

Pentagon cancels illegal deal to divert more than \$200 million annually through Boeing's C-17 airlifter program, after *New York Times* front-page story featured investigation with POGO.

“ I commend the Project On Government Oversight for its strong commitment to accountability and integrity in government. Their work has always been highly professional, insightful and accessible. ”

Representative Christopher Shays (R-CT)

## GOVERNMENT AGENCIES

POGO regularly informs and works with investigators and staff members at agencies such as the Government Accountability Office, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Department of Energy, Office of the Secretary of Defense, and Defense Department's Office of Test and Evaluation (which provides independent analysis of testing for weapons and systems). POGO also works with the White House; Congressional Research Service; and Cost Accounting Standards Board, which monitors \$125 billion in primarily defense industry contracts annually.

## THE PUBLIC

POGO's web site has become an important tool to reach the public directly. Currently, the POGO web site ([www.pogo.org](http://www.pogo.org)) receives over one million hits and 30,000 unique visitors each month. Beginning in 2004, POGO launched a POGO Blog and an Action Center as part of the web site. The journal format of the Blog allows POGO to engage in dialogue with the public, the media, and experts on the various issues POGO investigates. It also allows POGO to highlight information that does not necessarily warrant a press release or formal report, but should still be made public in a timely fashion. The Action Center encourages and facilitates the public's ability to write to their Members of Congress and editors of their own local newspapers.



2001

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Nuclear weapons complex security officers report that security tests are more stringent as a result of POGO's investigation.

POGO is instrumental in cutting major weapons systems with hefty price tags and lackluster benefit to the military; the \$38 billion Comanche helicopter, the \$11 billion Crusader, and 1/3 of the B-1 bomber fleet.

Public Employees for Environmental Responsibility, Government Accountability Project, and POGO publish *The Art of Anonymous Activism: Serving the Public While Surviving Public Service*, a how-to guide for government whistleblowers.

*U.S. News and World Report* cover story features POGO's investigation into criminal and civil misconduct by the U.S. government's largest contractors.

New York State begins using POGO's Federal Contractor Misconduct Database to identify risky vendors.

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“ I commend your organization for its strong commitment to exposing abuses of power within the federal government and bringing those abuses to Congress' attention. ”

Senator John McCain (R-AZ)

2003

As a result of POGO's investigation, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission requires nuclear power plants to improve training and working conditions for security officers.

2003

Los Alamos National Laboratory forced to re-organize; Director and 16 top officials leave jobs, after sources working with POGO expose fraud, security breaches, and corruption.

2003

POGO exposes inadequate security at nuclear weapons facilities, leading Department of Energy Secretary Spencer Abraham to announce a security overhaul at nuclear labs.

2003

POGO helps defeat a \$30 billion sweetheart deal to lease aircraft from Boeing. Senator John McCain (R-AZ) and POGO draw attention to Air Force official who brokered the deal while negotiating a job at Boeing.

2003

POGO updates its Federal Contractor Misconduct Database to include 56 contractors and nearly 650 instances of misconduct.

# POGO ALUMNI

Former interns, legal fellows and staff

“As a young non-profit, IAVA was blessed to have the mentorship and guidance of POGO, an exceptional organization that is filled with talented and dedicated people. As our troops battle for America overseas, it is good to know POGO is battling for America back home.”

**Paul Rieckhoff**

Executive Director and Founder  
Iraq & Afghanistan Veterans of America

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During the past 25 years, POGO has provided opportunities for young people to learn firsthand about government oversight and to participate in the Democratic process. POGO's internships and fellowships enabled college students to gain valuable research experience by working directly with the Congress, Executive Branch agencies, the media, and whistleblowers. POGO currently employs five former interns and fellows, including Executive Director Danielle Brian. In addition, POGO has inspired many more students and staff to help improve the government by pursuing careers in public service, joining other watchdog groups, think tanks, or public policy organizations.

These are just a few examples of how POGO alumni are helping to achieve a more accountable federal government.



Senator John McCain and Jill Carlson,  
POGO Summer Intern, 2002

## PETER BRAND

POGO Investigator, 2004 to 2006

*"POGO proved to me that a small budget and staff are no hurdles at all, if you're dedicated to setting things right in the government and making sure that accountability and honesty don't become just empty words."*

Peter is a Special Agent for the Department of Interior Inspector General

## MARCUS CORBIN

POGO Senior Defense Investigator, 1994 to 2000

*"Working for the government in the same field as POGO now, I see even more the vital, complementary role played by such an effective and dynamic organization."*

Marcus is currently a communications analyst at the Government Accountability Office.

## NICOLE HARKIN

POGO Investigator, 1998 to 2001

*"My work at POGO taught me that the government is not a fortress, it is made up of people who can make a difference."*

After working at POGO, Nicole was awarded a Fulbright Fellowship at Pace University School of Law. She has interned at the Department of Defense and Department of Justice Inspectors General offices, and will be working at the Department of the Treasury in the summer of 2006 to participate in the Presidential Management Fellowship program.

## AMELIA KEGAN

POGO Summer Intern, 2003

*"I was worried that coming to POGO, I would become cynical about Washington. Instead, I left POGO more optimistic that if I worked in a non-partisan way and relied on the facts, I could make a real difference."*

Amelia is currently a Legislative Intern at the Center for Budget and Policy Priorities

## DONNA MARTIN

POGO Research Associate, 1981 to 1985

*"I was hired as a congressional staffer because of the success of the Project on Military Procurement (now POGO). I'd like to think my work with whistleblowers, which began over 20 years ago, has been of some benefit to those dedicated to promoting the integrity and efficiency of DoD operations."*

In 1985, Donna went to work for then-Representative Barbara Boxer (D-CA). In 1993, Donna joined the Pentagon's Inspector General where she is now a Senior Investigator and Team Leader.

## CALEB ROWE

POGO Summer Intern, 2003

*"While at POGO, I learned that outrage is never enough, but when combined with extensive research, incontrovertible evidence and realistic proposals for improvement, it becomes a force for positive change. By working with the system in order to change it, POGO reminded me why I chose to study policy in the first place."*

Caleb is currently working in campaign finance compliance in California, and will begin working as a Legislative Aid for Congressman Ed Case (D) of Hawaii this summer.

2003

POGO exposes a taxpayer-paid romp for Pentagon officials to the Taj Mahal Casino in Atlantic City. The party was cancelled after being lampooned in *The Washington Post*.

2004

NORAD confirms POGO's finding that, five months prior to 9/11, the Pentagon rejected anti-terrorism training scenarios involving hijacked planes hitting the Pentagon.

2004

Former Air Force official jailed for conspiracy to violate conflict of interest and ethics laws in the Boeing tanker leasing deal. In 2005, former Boeing executive joins her in jail.

2004

POGO forces Nuclear Regulatory Commission to back down from efforts to silence POGO's criticisms of security testing at the Indian Point nuclear power plant.

2004

Department of Energy Secretary Spencer Abraham announces increased security standards for nuclear materials based on POGO's recommendations.

# FOUNDATION SUPPORTERS

POGO's organizational funding is provided by foundation grants and individual donations. POGO does not accept contributions from the government, unions, corporations, or anyone with a financial stake in the outcomes of our investigations.

“POGO provides a funder the best return for an investment in Washington...and the return is not just in a well-run and productive nonprofit, but in a more transparent and accountable government, and more importantly, in a more open and richer democracy.”

**Geri Mannion, Chair**  
Strengthening U.S. Democracy  
and Special Opportunities Fund,  
Carnegie Corporation of New York

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Department of Homeland Security abandons proposal to force employees to sign secrecy oaths after criticism from POGO and others.

2005

Congress passes state-of-the-art protections for nuclear whistleblowers.

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## \$5,000-\$24,999

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2005

POGO and other open government advocates secure funding for the Public Interest Declassification Board to review secrecy decisions.

2005

Risky weapons contracts, including those for the Future Combat System and the C-130J, are restructured to protect the taxpayer.

2005

Federal Election Commission agrees with POGO that election data is inaccurate and unreliable. Many reporting discrepancies found.

2006

Department of Energy announces they will move bomb-grade nuclear materials from the Livermore National Lab, where 7 million people live within a 50 mile radius.

2006

Office of Government Ethics recommends improvements to the government's conflict of interest laws, which apply to executive branch employees, partly in response to POGO's work.

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