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# Dear CFTC:

I understand that there is an internal review regarding the CTT('s regulation and publishing of COT data. I just wanted to help in that review by offering my thoughts as a trader. I think that with the recent scandals such as enron, etc, we need more transparency into the inner workings of the Speculator market. CoT Lata allows some one like Me-Joe public, to get a view on what the commercial traders & the speculators are up to. We need this kind of transportency.

Please continue the good work \$\overline{\pi} COT data & regulation of the market.

Sincorely,

Thank you. Chin Tang July 21, 2006

Eileen Donovan
Acting Secretary
Commodity Futures Trading Commission
Three Lafayette Center
1155 21<sup>st</sup> Street, NW
Washington, DC 20581

**Subject: COT Reports** 

Dear Ms. Donovan,

I understand The Commission is considering doing away with the weekly Commitments Of Traders reports. In this age of electronic data transmission it seems to me that we should be seeing more frequent reports NOT fewer from The CFTC!

I realize that we must look for ways to reduce or streamline government services but reducing the COT Report to a monthly or Semi-monthly frequency is totally unacceptable. This weekly report has broad application by thousands of investors and is seen by many others as one of the few government reports that has credible data. Daily or Semi-weekly would be more appropriate.

I encourage you and other members of The CFTC to reconsider any thoughts of reducing the frequency and please accept my suggestion that you consider increasing the frequency.

Sincerely,

Douglas Of. Garner

Greenville, South Carolina

Cc: Representative Bob Inglis Senator Lindsey O. Graham Senator Jim DeMint

From: jpsteed@netscape.com

**Sent:** Wednesday, July 26, 2006 10:58 AM

To: secretary; secretary

Subject: COT Report

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From: Jan Bleys [jan.bleys@pandora.be]

Sent: Wednesday, July 26, 2006 9:40 AM

To: secretary

Cc: jan.bleys@pandora.be; info@butlerresearch.com

Subject: COT report

### Dear Sir

I am alleging that silver is manipulated by an extraordinarily concentrated COMEX net short position that;

- Towers over the concentrated long position to an extent not found elsewhere.
- Has created a mismatch between a handful of short traders against thousands of long holders
- Is documented by the CFTC's own published data
- Is larger than has ever existed in any previous manipulation, from the Hunt Brothers to Sumitomo copper to the alleged BP propane manipulations
- Has created the possibility for delivery default because it is larger than all known world available inventories
- Defies any real economic justification

The key question that should be asked by everyone, especially by the CFTC and the Exchange, is what would the price of silver be without this concentrated short position? This is the very question that the CFTC has asked itself in every decision they have made before deciding to charge manipulation. If the absence of a concentrated position would result in a much different price level, then the concentrated position is clearly manipulative. Another way of stating this question is by asking how likely the concentrated position could be replaced by a non-concentrated position at close to current prices?

The answers to these questions are painfully obvious. There is no chance that a large number of market participants would or could replace the concentrated shorts at current prices. That's the simplest proof of manipulation – take away the concentrated shorts and the price of silver would soar.

If the Hunt Brothers didn't buy their concentrated long position in 1979-80, silver never would have gone to \$50, according to the CFTC. If BP didn't own 88% of the propane market, the price wouldn't have gone up like it did, according to the CFTC. If the trader from Sumitomo, called Mr. 5%, didn't buy as much copper as he did the price wouldn't have gone as high as it did, again according to the CFTC.

Then where the heck is the CFTC in silver now? Their own data shows the big shorts are more concentrated currently in COMEX silver than the Hunts, or BP or Sumitomo ever were. Where would the price of silver be if 4 traders were not net short 86% of the total commercial net short position, or 175 million ounces of a total 203.5 million ounces? What price, if any, would it take to attract outside traders to replace the concentrated traders now short 175 million ounces of silver? Who, in their right mind, would commit to selling short 175 million ounces of silver at current prices, especially under tightening physical conditions? That is the simplest proof of silver manipulation, namely, no free market replacement is possible for a position dominating and controlling the price.

To make matters worse, as previously written, the silver manipulation is a downside manipulation and has persisted for many years, unlike the other manipulations we are familiar with, which were to the long side and of short duration. This means more potential damage

and dislocations when it is inevitably resolved, due to the delivery dilemma. It is also current and a crime in progress, unlike the other manipulations, which were already terminated by the time the CFTC arrived on the scene.

The tightening physical market is highlighted by apparent delays of silver deposits into Barclays ETF, movements (in and out) in COMEX warehouse stocks, end of month trading in spot COMEX futures contracts, restrictions in dealer spot market trading, and the new silver (almost 3 million ounces) just purchased by the Central Fund of Canada in their very recent stock offering, which will take months to be delivered.

The market fundamentals and internal structure are great (with the caveat of the concentration). Thus, the silver market looks locked and loaded for an upside move, while we await developments in the concentrated short matter. Since I believe there is always something of a constructive nature to do while we wait, I've taken the occasion of the NYMEX's recently announced plans for a proposed initial public offering, to write to the CEOs of the six underwriters who plan to take the Exchange public. Those firms are Merrill Lynch, JPMorgan Chase, Lehman Brothers, Citigroup, Banc of America, and Sandler, O'Neill. In reading the preliminary prospectus, I saw no mention of the alleged COMEX silver manipulation and possible default mentioned as a risk factor for potential investors, and I have tried to bring this to the underwriters' attention. I am also concerned, but did not mention, that five of the six underwriters are clearing members of the Exchange and there may exist important conflicts in any future fallout from a silver problem. In fact, any of the five could easily be involved as or with the concentrated silver shorts. I am not expecting any reply, as my intent was to put them on notice of the potential for a silver event in the future. It is my practice to do things openly, and I don't want anyone to claim no one told them of the real silver situation.

Here is a copy of the letter I sent one of the six underwriters -

July 18, 2006 Mr. Jamie Dimon CEO JPMorgan Chase & Co. 270 Park Avenue, 35 th Floor NY, NY 10017

Dear Mr. Dimon;

I am writing to you in your role as an underwriter for the proposed initial public offering of shares in NYMEX Holdings, Inc, (NYMEX). I am notifying you, in connection with your due diligence responsibilities, of an ongoing fraud and manipulation in the COMEX silver futures contract.

Specifically, there exists an extremely large and unusual concentrated short position in COMEX silver futures held by a few large traders that defies economic justification. This concentrated short position is documented through public data published by the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC). In addition to this concentrated short position constituting fraud and manipulation, it also raises the specter of default, as it is larger than all known available deliverable supplies of silver.

I have notified both the CFTC and the NYMEX about these serious issues over the past month and more, and have not, as yet, received a response. The details can be found here

http://www.investmentrarities.com/06-05-06.html http://www.investmentrarities.com/06-12-06.html http://www.investmentrarities.com/06-19-06.html http://www.investmentrarities.com/06-27-06.html http://www.investmentrarities.com/07-05-06.html

http://www.investmentrarities.com/07-10-06.html

In the event that this silver manipulation turns into a market event, this will be the realization of a risk factor that should have been disclosed to potential investors.

Very truly yours,

Theodore Butler info@butlerresearch.com -- Posted 25 July, 2006

http://news.silverseek.com/TedButler/1153859881.php

## **Locked And Loaded**

By: Theodore Butler -- Posted 25 July, 2006

From:

Victor Horsfall [vhorsfall44@aiserve.net]

Sent:

Tuesday, July 25, 2006 8:08 PM

To:

secretary

Subject:

**COT** reports

Attachments: "AVG certification"

The COT report is a very useful tool in making trading decisions. We absolutely do not need less information. If anything we need more. Please do not eliminate the COT report. Thanks, Vic

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From: Lauren J Downey [trixieljd@yahoo.com]

Sent: Wednesday, July 26, 2006 1:00 PM

To: secretary; secretary

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mjp [mpahk@nc.rr.com]

Sent:

Wednesday, July 26, 2006 4:53 PM

To:

secretary

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From: Ramin nikkhah- eshghi [shahnameh@hotmail.co.uk]

Sent: Wednesday, July 26, 2006 3:21 AM

To: secretary

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Sent: Wednesday, July 26, 2006 3:50 AM

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Sent: Wednesday, July 26, 2006 3:14 AM

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From: david.robinson@juno.com

**Sent:** Tuesday, July 25, 2006 9:02 PM

To: secretary

Subject: "COT reports"

"COT reports"

If you would like to really do a service for the public, instead of discontinuing the COT report, why don't you add the category of Hedge Funds. Thanks. D. Robinson

From: Mark Spengler [mspengler@earthlink.net]

Sent: Tuesday, July 25, 2006 10:47 PM

To: secretary

Subject: COT Reports

### To Whom It May Concern:

With more and more government information being either distorted, withheld, and otherwise mismanaged, the United States government moves us all closer to the Orwellian concept of a controlled society with fewer freedoms than our ancestors ever dreamed possible. What are <u>you</u> doing to stop this (latest) witholding of information than benefits the economic investors of America?

Mark R. Spengler Center for Law and Social Strategy (CLASS) 75-346 Hualalai Rd., Suite B203 Kailua-Kona, HI 96740 Tel: 808-329-7701 Cell: 808-960-6361

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E-Mail: mspengler@earthlink.net

From: Jeff & Glenda Fraser [jfra000@westnet.com.au]

**Sent:** Tuesday, July 25, 2006 9:24 PM

To: secretary

Subject: COT Reports

Dear Sir/ Madam,

I feel strongly about the withdrawal of the COT report, and strongly urge you to reconsider.

Your Sincerely

Glenda Fraser

From:

john hoolahan [jrjmk2000@yahoo.com]

Sent:

Tuesday, July 25, 2006 9:03 PM

To:

secretary

Subject:

cot report

Attachments: 3836236494-As an individual trader.doc

please don't stop publishing the info. I use it as part of my trading approach tahnks for your time John Hoolahan

Blab-away for as little as 1¢/min. Make PC-to-Phone Calls using Yahoo! Messenger with Voice.

From: EDNKAT@comcast.net

Sent: Tuesday, July 25, 2006 8:07 PM

To: secretary

Subject: COT REPORT

### DO NOT ELIMINATE PLEASE !!!!!

### **MORE TIMELY RELEASE OF INFO PLEASE!!!!**

From: nathcook [nathcook@comcast.net]

**Sent:** Tuesday, July 25, 2006 7:24 PM

To: secretary

Subject: COT report

Please maintain publishing the COT report.

Please bring back the M3 forecasts

Sunshine ... Please

Thankyou Mass Intitute for Justice N. E Hurlin

From:

trails [trails@cfl.rr.com]

Sent:

Tuesday, July 25, 2006 7:33 PM

To:

secretary

Subject:

COT reports

The COT is a valuable tool and I encourage you to keep up the good work.

My only suggestion is:

Hedge fund positions should be reported in a separate category other than the small speculators, large speculator or commercials.

Thanks for your diligence! Steve Reymon

From: Mark Dillon [markd@fleming-logistics.com]

**Sent:** Tuesday, July 25, 2006 7:05 PM

To: secretary

Subject: COT report

Dear Sir,

The COT reports are generally held to be very useful by traders in assessing the markets. To lessen the amount of such basic information available to market participants for that purpose is a retreat from the virtues of free markets and a clear sign to the public that the markets are, for some reason, being made less transparent.

Thank you, Mark Dillon

From: Karl Blasius [karl41@dslextreme.com]

Sent: Tuesday, July 25, 2006 6:49 PM

To: secretary

Subject: COT Reports

It is essential for informed investment decisions that the COTS reports continue. Because of the shortened response times of markets to news developments, the COTS reports should be issued more frequently, perhaps twice weekly.

Thankl you,

Karl Blasius Santa Barbara, CA

From: J M [jmcalif2002@yahoo.com]

**Sent:** Tuesday, July 25, 2006 5:13 PM

To: secretary

Subject: COT report

Please keep issuing the COT report! It is a very valuable tool for small traders. It would be un american to take it away!

thanks

jm

Do you Yahoo!?

Everyone is raving about the <u>all-new Yahoo! Mail Beta.</u>

From: Alex Campagnaro [campagnaro@sympatico.ca]

Sent: Tuesday, July 25, 2006 5:30 PM

To: secretarySubject: COT report

To Whom It May Concern:

Upon reading the article posted on 321 gold the 21 of July, I am definitely interested in the report and or info of such.

Please send what you can.

Sincerely

**ALEX CAMPAGNARO** 

From: Bob [bobz@csidata.com]

Sent: Tuesday, July 25, 2006 5:38 PM

To: secretary; Sabrina Carle; Steve; Sean W; Rosie; CSI TECHNICAL SUPPORT; pepe@csidata.com

Subject: COT reports

Dear CFTC Secretary:

My company Commodity Systems, Inc. (CSI) is a provider of daily market data statistics which includes the weekly CFTC report among other things. We here at CSI (Commodity Systems Inc.) service several thousands of hedgers, and traders in regulated commodity markets. Our customers depend heavily on the substance of the open interest participation in all regulated commodities by market participant class of commercial, hedger and small trader. If you delete or even compromise your weekly reporting efforts, many thousands of our customers will not receive the valuable information collected and needed to measure market sentiment, etc.

I sincerely hope that you will reconsider any decision that will compromise your weekly assessment of small trader & large trader & hedger interests. Thousands of citizens will be affected should you actually compromise such a valuable government service.

Sincerely,

Robert C. Pelletier, President Commodity Systems, Inc.

In response to your request for comments, I am deeply concerned that the CFTC would consider discontinuing such a popular and insightful report. While the report may need modification, the number and size of exemptions granted by the Commission would seem to demand more transparency, not less. Certainly true hedgers should have their own category. In general, any modification must avoid discontinuing, suspending, or delaying the Commitments reporting. And the Commission should take precautions to implement report changes in such a way as to maintain continuity with historical data. Finally, I would request that if the Commission should decide to make changes that could negatively affect the continuation, continuity, or promptness of the COT report, that it submit such proposed changes for further specific public comment.

From: Marilyn Jackson [msj@rtcol.com]

**Sent:** Tuesday, July 25, 2006 9:21 PM

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Sent: Tuesday, July 25, 2006 9:10 PM

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**Sent:** Tuesday, July 25, 2006 8:08 PM

To: secretary

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Sent: Tuesday, July 25, 2006 5:42 PM

To: secretary

Subject: COT reports

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Sincerely, Charles T. Reiser

From: Sent:

Robert Cathcart [rfc101@psu.edu] Tuesday, July 25, 2006 6:08 PM

To:

secretary

Subject:

COT reports

If any changes are going to be made to the COT reports, it should be to expand the availability of the reports and increase the timeliness of the reporting.

Robert Cathcart 426 Glenn Rd. State College, PA 16803

From: Jacques Kugler [jkugler@safdieny.com]

Sent: Tuesday, July 25, 2006 6:15 PM

To: secretary

Subject: COT report

Dear Sir,

I would like to express my desire that the CFTC not only continues to publish the Commitments of Traders report, but that it is published in a more timely manner as well.

Thanks,

Jacques Kugler

Jacques Kugler Vice-President, Alternative Investments Safdie Investment Services Corp. 360 Madison Ave. 19th Floor New York, NY - 10017 p: 212-457-8651 f: 212-389-9451

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From: Grandpaboat2@wmconnect.com

**Sent:** Tuesday, July 25, 2006 6:23 PM

To: secretary

Subject: Keep the COT Report as it is...

Need I say more.... Respectfully, Bob Grimes

PS. I am a registered Republican... but I vote my mind....

From: adam [adam@cfl.rr.com]

Sent: Tuesday, July 25, 2006 6:36 PM

To: secretary

Subject: COT report

DO NOT GET RID OF THE COT REPORT!

Adam Kling Business Development Savant Marketing, LLC http://www.savantmarketing.com info@savantmarketing.com AIM: savantmarketing

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□□ [ccv10000@yahoo.co.jp]

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Wednesday, July 26, 2006 1:27 AM

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Mark Paine [mpaine@san.rr.com]

Sent:

Friday, July 21, 2006 12:57 PM

To:

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Sincerely Mark W. Paine

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Hare Krishna Mitra [h.mitra@cox.net]

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Kind Regards, Jennifer Jespersen

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I am an individual futures trader, and have heard rumor that our COT reports might be discontinued, and that the CFTC is hoping for input from the public. This news greatly concerns me, as I heavily rely on information within your service to make my decisions on a daily basis, and I believe that roughly half a million other traders do as well! From my experience in trading futures, COT reports are one of the very few things that can make a speculator confident in what positions they are taking, and I urge you to continue bringing us this invaluable information on a weekly basis, and if I had my druthers, daily! Thank you in advance for keeping our markets transparent!

Isaac Winfield

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To: secretary

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Individual Trader

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### Cheers!

Matt Blackman

Email: matt@tradesystemguru.com Phone 206-577-1715 (West Coast)

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From: One Vision Financial [pete@1vision.ws]

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To: secretary@cftc.gov

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From: Filos [30filos@sympatico.ca]

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Chris Weitzel

From: felix@hohenschutz.de

**Sent:** Wednesday, July 26, 2006 2:39 AM

To: secretary Subject: COT Reports

Hello,

I was informed that you intend to abolish the Commitment of Traders Reports.

These reports are valuable instruments for trading and investing. For small investors, the reports give a better chance face to the big investors in the markets. Without the reports, the big investors have unfair advantages.

Not only because they have a lot of research possibilities, but also because they have information on the commitments of the big investors even without the COT reports.

The COT reports help to make small investors more equal to the big investors. Therefore, they must continue!

A great aim would be to get comparable reports from all futures exchanges all over the world. This could be realized within the IOSCO and other international committees. Good luck for that!

Dr. Edgar Felix Hohenschutz

From: John Field [f-john@tokyonet.com.au]
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Wednesday, July 26, 2006 2:59 AM

To: Subject: secretary COT Reports

To Whom It Concerns: In the interest of American investors who rely on Government reports to help in making wise investments, I object strongly to any movement toward withholding these reports from public viewing. Sincerely, Robert Johnson

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From: hindsw@bellsouth.net

**Sent:** Tuesday, July 25, 2006 10:59 PM

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COT reports should not be disbanded. Reports of data such as these are useful in many places, and assure transparency (as best one might hope) in important transactions.

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From:

Sent:

acharu@loxinfo.co.th Wednesday, July 26, 2006 3:28 AM

To: Subject: secretary COT Report

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Thank you

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From: day332@bellsouth.net

**Sent:** Wednesday, July 26, 2006 4:54 AM

To: secretary Subject: COT report

Please!! We need more timely reports of the COT data .How you want to eliminate the data from traders completely. Whats up with that?????????????

From: Sent: Ray Lang [texican6@yahoo.com] Wednesday, July 26, 2006 5:34 AM

To: Subject: secretary
COT Reporting

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Certainly true hedgers should have their own category.

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Thank you Ray Lang

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From:

Claes Settergren [Claes.Settergren@ComHem.se]

Sent:

Wednesday, July 26, 2006 6:22 AM

To: Subject: secretary COT Report

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Adrian Thurston

From: Rosstock Pty Ltd [stock123@bigpond.net.au]

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From: Nader M. Arafa [nader.arafa@gawab.com]

Sent: Wednesday, July 26, 2006 12:22 AM

To: secretary

Subject: COT report

Dear Sir/Madam,

I have noticed widespread talks over the internet forums & blogs that the CFTC is intending to change it's COT reporting methodology & possible eliminating it all together...

As a futures trader, I would like to pass on my objection against the cancellation of the COT report as it represents an extremely important tool in assessing the markets I trade...

Thanks,

Nader M. Arafa

From: Arnie Hinkson [arnie@hinkson.com]

**Sent:** Tuesday, July 25, 2006 11:47 PM

To: secretary

Subject: The COT Report

# To Whom It May Concern:

It has come to my attention you are thinking of discontinuing the reporting of traders positions in the futures market. As a farmer and hedger of my corn and soybeans I have to say this is very disturbing to me. After a great deal of training and work I have come to rely on your reporting of commercial and speculative positions in the markets. The report really gives me a perspective of the big picture. After all I am a little fish in a big pond and the reports at least help me decide when to tag along or get out of the way of the big boys.

History does repeat it self and since I will only get about twenty more times to sell my crops before I retire, (I am 50 years old), it is very important that you keep reporting this data and adding it to the historical data.

Please help farmers like me get our revenues from the market rather than through farm subsidies by keeping this valuable information in place so we have another tool to do just that.

Sincerely,

Arnie Hinkson

967 N Burwick Rd

Wood River, NE 68883

Cell phone (308) 380-4308

From: Rob Tyson [rtyson@riu.com.au]

Sent: Tuesday, July 25, 2006 11:38 PM

To: secretary

Subject: COT report

To Whom It May Concern;

I implore you not to cease the publication of the COT data. The data has proven itself extremely useful to me as an investor and as a publisher to the mining/commodities industry.

In fact I would ask that you actually look at releasing more timely reporting of COT data, as opposed to the elimination of it.

Yours sincerely,

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From: Paul/Christie Waldner [pwaldner@telusplanet.net]

**Sent:** Tuesday, July 25, 2006 11:31 PM

To: secretary

Subject: COT report

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From: Jaern@aol.com

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From: Ron Jackson, Beaumont, Texas

Subj: COT Report

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From: DMO Mail Box

Sent: Wednesday, July 26, 2006 8:45 AM

To: secretary

Subject: FW: COT Report Vitally Important

----Original Message----

From: CJansante [mailto:cj\_15601@mybluelight.com]

Sent: Tuesday, July 25, 2006 9:10 PM

To: OED Internet Mail; DMO Mail Box; DCIO Internet; International

Subject: COT Report Vitally Important

#### Officers:

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Chris Jansante Greensburg, PA

From: BUBBA BOUDREAUX [BUB-BOUD-1@COX.NET]

Sent: Wednesday, July 26, 2006 9:06 AM

To: secretary

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another vote just saying i am very concerned about this mess i always wondered what was agitating my small business account at a very large private bank . then i found aaron . we need to keep all this info available to us at any time so we don't turn ou the lites on ourselves thank you

bubba b.

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Sent: Wednesday, July 26, 2006 6:54 AM

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Box 47123 RPO Edmonton Centre Edmonton Alberta, Canada. T5J 4N1

To whom it may concern,

Please continue the COT Reports as usual. Any increase in transparency in the GOLD and Silver markets would be equitable for all to see and maintain our freedoms for all, not just a few.

Thank you in advance.

Peter Iveson.

From: dosdad [dosdad@dmv.com]

Sent: Wednesday, July 26, 2006 6:05 AM

To: secretary

Subject: Fw: COT Report

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**Bjoern Struss** 

Germany

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Jo Haas
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From: RL Randall [rlrandall@copper.net]
Sent: Wednesday, July 26, 2006 3:53 AM

To: secretary Subject: COT Report

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Scott McCray

From: David Ritter [dritter@adelphia.net]

**Sent:** Wednesday, July 26, 2006 12:15 PM

To: secretary

Subject: COT report

I need daily reports. Not once a week or never.

This isn't Iraq. A level playing field is only fair.

David Ritter 6234 NW 23<sup>rd</sup> Ter Boca Raton FL 33196-3615

Thank you.

From: Manfred Zimmel (Amanita Market Forecasting) [zimmel@amanita.at]

Sent: Wednesday, July 26, 2006 3:23 PM

To: secretary

Subject: COT report

As a professional in the financial industry I am convinced that the public has the right to be informed about these figures in order to support the "invisible hand" of the markets.

best wishes Manfred Zimmel

From: DMO Mail Box

Sent: Wednesday, July 26, 2006 3:20 PM

To: secretary Subject: FW: COT reports

----Original Message----

From: Charles Haussernot [mailto:Haussernot.Charles@Free.Fr]

Sent: Monday, July 24, 2006 10:12 AM

To: DMO Mail Box Subject: COT reports

Dear CFTC,

I have heard that you are interested in hearing comments from investors about the  ${\tt COT}$  report.

I find it a very interesting and useful report. It should be continued.

In fact, I think it should be published daily, not just weekly.

Sincerely,

Charles Haussernot

From: Tom Waldenfels [fallingman@charter.net]

Sent: Wednesday, July 26, 2006 3:30 PM

To: secretary

Subject: COT Report

### Dear Sirs:

I'm writing to you based on a newsletter article that suggests you're considering no longer publishing the Commitment of Traders report. If this is some sort of hoax or a joke, will you please let me know?

If it's true, all I can say is you've got to be kidding. The CFTC has a well deserved reputation for being the lapdog of the commercials. You do their biiding on this and you'll have lost whatever shred of credibility you have left.

KEEP PUBLISHING THE COT.

Sincerely,

Tom Waldenfels

From: chong kiat [cklim01@singnet.com.sg]

**Sent:** Wednesday, July 26, 2006 12:30 PM

To: secretary

Subject: Please do not do away with the COT Report

To: secretary@cftc.gov

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From: Sent: becky t tandy [btandyclan@juno.com] Wednesday, July 26, 2006 12:37 PM

To: Subject:

secretary COT Report

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Thank you, you may forward this to whomever needs to be apprised of the opinions of the public of which you currently serve.

Becky Tandy

From: Sent: Robert Miller [rmiller400@cox.net] Wednesday, July 26, 2006 1:03 PM

To: Subject: secretary COT Report

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From:

David johny [davidjohny@yahoo.com]

Sent:

Wednesday, July 26, 2006 2:06 PM

To:

secretary

Subject: COT Reports

Hi

COT Reports are very good and I trade with COT Reports.

Please do not dis-continue these reports.

COT Reports are the best :-)

BEST WISHES, DAVE

Groups are talking. We're listening. Check out the handy changes to Yahoo! Groups.

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From: forest [forest777@gmail.com]

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To: secretary

Subject: COT reports

Dear Secretary,

Hedge funds play a large role in the markets. We feel that their positions SHOULD be reported in a seperate category than the small speculators, large speculators or commercials.

Naturally, the report must continue to be published and placing the Hedge funds in a seperate category will enhance the report.

Thank you.

sincerely,

Forest Truman

From:

Michael Winn [winn.dao@earthlink.net] Wednesday, July 26, 2006 2:38 PM

Sent: To:

Subject:

secretary COT report

Please keep the COT report, I use it every week. It is one of the few ways I feel i get my tax dollar's worth from Uncle Sam....

Would prefer to have it updated with shorter time lag, instead of three days currently. michael winn

From: Andy Reggie Holloway [arholloway@gmail.com]

Sent: Wednesday, July 26, 2006 2:50 PM

To: secretary

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To: secretary@cftc.gov

From: YOU

Subj: COT Report

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yours faithfully

AR Holloway

From: Rick Pendergraft [RPendergraft@agoralearning.com]

Sent: Wednesday, July 26, 2006 2:59 PM

To: secretary

Subject: COT report

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Sincerely, Rick Pendergraft Financial Editor Investor's Daily Edge

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From: Richard M. Wells [wellscpa@bellsouth.net]

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From: Delaney, Tim [tdelaney@hellmanjordan.com]

**Sent:** Wednesday, July 26, 2006 1:18 PM

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Sincerely, Tim Delaney

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Sent: Wednesday, July 26, 2006 1:13 PM

To: secretary

Cc: catherinetmdesign@email.msn.com

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From: rlc0001@aim.com

Sent: Wednesday, July 26, 2006 1:36 PM

To: secretary

Subject: COT Report

No. No. No! You can't stop publishing the COT report. NO! What could you possibly have to gain from keeping the public from this information?? Ah, yes... that's it. You WANT the public in the dark. First you stop publishing the M3, now this...

If anything, you need to make the COT Report more timely -- DAILY!

Rob Carlson Providence, Utah

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From: Marty Humphreys [martyhumphreys@bizstx.rr.com]

Sent: Wednesday, July 26, 2006 3:43 PM

To: secretary

Subject: COT report

To Whom It May Concern,

It seems the SEC, the CFTC, the FED, and various other government agencies are acting to restrict the flow of information. Many people are upset about the cancellation of M3 reporting and fear the same will happen to COT data.

In this electronic age, if any changes should be made, the CFTC should post COT data once a day or at least with a 1 day time lag vs. the current three day lag.

DO NOT stop reporting these valuable COT reports as that would create a very unfair playing field to a large portion of the investing public.

Respectfully,

Martin Humphreys

From: Vic Dechnicz [vicdech\_laptop@internode.on.net]

Sent: Wednesday, July 26, 2006 4:37 PM

To: secretary

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Vic Dechnicz,

Australia

From: Harold Miller [hdbjmil@hughes.net]

**Sent:** Wednesday, July 26, 2006 11:25 AM

To: secretary

Subject: COT Reports

Please save the COT reports.

Harold Miller

From: helo@up.net

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From:

Milligan, Michael [mmilligan@exchange.fullerton.edu]

Sent:

Wednesday, July 26, 2006 10:49 AM

To:

secretary

Subject:

COT Report

To the Secretary of the CFTC:

I have just learned that you are planning to discontinue the COT Report. I believe that this is not what is in the individual investors best interest.

I am currently working on a research paper that studies the impact that Commercials and large Speculators have on the futures market. The COT Report has allowed investors to see how and where large traders in commodities are positioning themselves. This is very similar to the disclosures that are required in the stock market; i.e. insider trading and 144a stock.

At a time when the small investor is starting to look at the derivatives market as a place to speculate, and let's not forget that the futures market is a zero sum game. You need the small speculator. Any information that will help them to have a level playing field and also boost their perception of the futures market will help these markets. There are some thing that you could do to make this report even better, but getting rid of this report will not help investor confidence.

If I can be of any further assistance, please to not hesitate to contact me.

Michael G. Milligan
Professor
Department of Finance
2600 E. Nutwood; Suite 650-8
College of Business and Economics
California State University, Fullerton
Fullerton, CA 92831

Matthew A. Niemi 47865 Lots Rd. Toivola, MI 49965

From: Buck Family [buckca341@bellsouth.net]

**Sent:** Wednesday, July 26, 2006 11:27 AM

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From: eric.cotton@us.abb.com

**Sent:** Tuesday, July 25, 2006 6:59 PM

To: secretary
Subject: COT report

Please continue publishing the COT Report

I am writing to disagree in the strongest possible terms to the proposal to eliminate the publication of the Commitment Of Traders Report.

In this era of more and faster information, I find it odd that it is proposed to eliminate the publishing of what should be easily obtainable data.

This data is among the MOST useful for traders. In a free market, there should be a free flow of this useful data.

Eric Cotton 5581 S. Madison Rd. Madison, OH 44057

From: RON KESTLER [rrk@iglou.com]

**Sent:** Tuesday, July 25, 2006 11:21 PM

To: secretary

Subject: COT reports

I understand that the COT reports may be discontinued.

In today's information and communications world, the more information that is available is a good thing!

Please continue publication.

Ron Kestler rrk@iglou.com

From: sdharris7@juno.com

Sent: Tuesday, July 25, 2006 4:09 PM

To: secretary

Cc: sdharris7@juno.com

Subject: COT Report - Please make available more often - do NOT take report away

Hi,

Please make the COT report available more often - at least twice a week and possibly daily. In this new internet age with instanteous data from many sources, a daily report would be great. This report is very useful and SHOULD NOT BE ELIMINATED. Feel free to contact me with any questions. Thanks in advance for your assistance in this matter.

Shirley

From: Randy Wiliamson [rw580@bellsouth.net]

Sent: Tuesday, July 25, 2006 4:04 PM

To: secretary

**DO NOT DISCONTINUE THIS REPORT.** This is the only useful report put out by the government with respect to helping level the playing field between individual and institutional investors. In fact, in this day and age, with the ease that information can be gathered, there should be even more information readily available to the individual investor. As such, it is questionable why there is a three day delay in the report, and not delivered with a higher frequency, and in a more timely fashion.

Melissa Mojica [sevin1307@yahoo.com] From:

Tuesday, July 25, 2006 11:29 PM Sent:

secretary To: COT report Subject:

please do not restrict the flow of information at such a critical time in the economic history of the united states. investors in the economy of this country need more and more timely information to propel us to make better investment choices, not less. i am new to investing and am attempting to digest a lot of information quickly, so as to make informed choices. this country is based on freedom of information and freedom of speech. by eliminating the COT report, you will be restricting vital information at a time when it is needed most. thankyou for listening.

sincerely, melissa mojica

From: Adrian Douglas [adriandouglas@earthlink.net]

Sent: Tuesday, July 25, 2006 10:40 AM

To: secretary

Subject: COT report

## Dear Sirs,

It is outrageous that you intend to no longer publish the COT report. This will put you among the ranks of the ex-Soviet Union in terms of market management and transparency. If you decide to keep your investors in the dark you will lose those investors to other exchanges in other countries. Dubai is emerging as a viable alternative.

In a very connected world there are always choices.

Regards Adrian Douglas

From: Neluta Trusculescu [trusculescu@yahoo.com]

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To: secretary

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From: SSchdoc@aol.com

**Sent:** Wednesday, July 26, 2006 10:34 AM

To: secretary

Subject: COT Reports

## Dear Secretary,

It is my belief that much information is being withheld from traders and the COT report is no exception. It all seems to be explained away as a move to update the processes that affect all of us in today's world. What it really is is a way to keep vital information out of the hands of the general public, only to benefit a more powerful entity. Rest assured, there is no entity more powerful than the American public. That will be presented at the voting booths, trading floors and beyond. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A concerned citizen

From: Charlie McConkie [cmac7@cpaz.net]

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From: Herman Harrison [herman\_harrison@swbell.net]

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Herman Harrison 512-255-9966

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From: Alex Toppan [alextoppan@earthlink.net]

Sent: Wednesday, July 26, 2006 10:42 AM

To: secretary

Subject: COT reports - comment

Eileen Donovan, Acting Secretary Commodity Trading Futures Commission Three Lafayette Center 1155 21<sup>st</sup> Street, NW Washington, DC 20581

Email:secretary@cftc.gov

Subject: COT reports

Dear Ms. Donovan,

In recent years investors in the U.S. equity markets have benefited from increased information flow and transparency due to such legislation as Sarbanes Oxley and Regulation FD. Compared to the U.S. equity markets, U.S. futures market have little in the form of publicly available information flow. The Commitment of Traders Reports is one of the few tools that provides at least a little transparency to the U.S. futures markets.

I encourage the CFTC not only to continue publication of this publicly beneficial report, but to seek to increase the amount, quality, and frequency of futures market information available to the investing public.

Respectfully submitted, Alex Toppan

26 July 2006

From: David White [dwhite@americanbiodiesel.net]

**Sent:** Wednesday, July 26, 2006 11:01 AM

To: secretary COT Report

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Sent: Wednesday, July 26, 2006 12:08 PM

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Charles Goudreau

From: June Pendelton [nyvine@usadatanet.net]

**Sent:** Wednesday, July 26, 2006 10:56 AM

To: secretary

Subject: COT report

Please continue to publish the GOLD and SILVER COT REPORTS each week. Such openness contributes toward fairness to all the investing public.

Thank you June Pendleton COT data is useful Page 1 of 2

### secretary

From: Snavely, Tim [tim\_snavely@rhco.com]
Sent: Wednesday, July 26, 2006 11:10 AM

To: secretary

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From: Julia Bussie [julia@westpaccapital.com]

Sent: Wednesday, July 26, 2006 11:11 AM

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From: Rswhitlow@aol.com

Sent: Wednesday, July 26, 2006 9:53 AM

To: secretary

Subject: COT Reports

Dear Sirs,

Regarding your request for comments on possible changes for the issuance of COT reports, I believe it is not in the best long-term interests of all concerned should COT reporting be eliminated or even rescheduled to reduce frequency. Rather, reporting should be improved with less time lag between data date and issuance and/or more frequent reports. In this information age, we should be adding transparency and timeliness to support the health of our capital markets, not diminishing it, which would only serve to skew influence towards insider special interests to the detriment of our free-market systems. Thank you.

Robert Whitlow Aspen, Colorado

From: Ken Clark [kenclark@tampabay.rr.com]
Sent: Wednesday, July 26, 2006 9:21 AM

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Sent: Wednesday, July 26, 2006 9:45 AM

To: secretary

Cc: sureshrph@earthlink.net

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Regards, Earl

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Bob Hofer [parel@capital.net] Tuesday, July 25, 2006 7:55 PM

To:

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Subject:

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Robert Hofer Chazy, NY 12921

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Kind regards,

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From: Mike Todai [miketodai@comcast.net]

Sent: Tuesday, July 25, 2006 7:32 PM

To: secretary

Cc: miketodai@comcast.net

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As an small investor - this is a small but an important piece of information we need to compete with big boys.

By taking away this report - you are favoring big firms and small investors. I promise to you that I will remember the changes you are making that is impacting my investment future when it comes to future re-election for those who are in favor of this change

Listen to the small investors - it does not have to be in terms of number. It is about doing the right thing.

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Importance: High

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Sent: Tuesday, July 25, 2006 6:50 PM

To: secretary

Subject: COT data

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Sincerely,

Mr. D. Angus 2857 Franklin St. Vancouver B.C. V5K 1X9 Canada

From: A.C. Soto [acsoto@ieee.org]

**Sent:** Tuesday, July 25, 2006 6:08 PM

To: secretary

Subject: COT Report

To: secretary@cftc.gov Subj: COT Report

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Respectfully yours,

Alfonso C. Soto 1520 E Jones Ct West Covina, CA 91792-1227

From: agrmatt2@aol.com

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From: Sent:

Stephane [s\_mp8@yahoo.fr] Tuesday, July 25, 2006 11:07 PM

To: Subject: secretary COT report

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Thanks and best regards Stephane

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From: Erich Speder [erich@speder.net]

Sent: Thursday, July 27, 2006 12:55 AM

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From: rmiraglia@tennisaustralia.com.au

Sent: Wednesday, July 26, 2006 11:38 PM

To: secretary

Cc: Heitman, Donald H.

Subject: COT Reports

# Good Morning,

As a regular user of the COT report each week it is vital for my portfolio management & retirement funding and understanding overall market movement. We MUST HAVE the reports and should not be destroyed. They are VITAL DISCLOSURE documents to provide relevant information to public to ANY NATION, I am in Australia and use it every week!

Layout changes may occur provided it is made simpler and positions are and numbers maintained.

HEDGE FUNDS should divulge positions and perhaps that may be a separate category.

Format should be in CSV or EXCEL spreadsheet style fro easy of use for public and professionals.

If possible to include near future and far future contracts and positions.

In summary - COT reports are vital, please do not cease production of such reports

Thanks

**ROB MIRAGLIA** 

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Carlos Mancia

From:

Wesley Jones [wesley07@hotmail.com] Wednesday, July 26, 2006 11:57 PM

Sent:

To:

secretary

Subject:

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From:

Doug Shand [genaro@alohabroadband.com] Wednesday, July 26, 2006 9:45 PM

Sent:

To:

Subject:

secretary COT report

I understand you are taking comment. My Opinion is that we have the ability to make it more timely and should. Thank You

Doug Shand

From: jonathan lofgren [whiskeycove@earthlink.net]

**Sent:** Wednesday, July 26, 2006 11:13 PM

To: secretary

Subject: COT Report -- PLEASE DON'T END THE COT!!!

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Lance E. Ballard [crudedude@comcast.net] Wednesday, July 26, 2006 8:45 PM From:

Sent:

To: secretary Subject: COT report

To Whom It May concern: Please be advised that I am one small investor who favors MORE timely COT reports rather that the elimination of same. Thank you,

Lance E. Ballard, 326 Saint George Court, Venice, FL 34293, telephone (941) 408-8095

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J Rey Agama [Agama\_Rey@cat.com] Wednesday, July 26, 2006 8:36 PM

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Sergei Jansons 113 Cromwell Drive Alice Springs, Northern Territory Australia

From: Jim D. [ceciladrian1@yahoo.com]

Sent: Wednesday, July 26, 2006 7:03 PM

To: secretary

Subject: COT report

Taking away the COT reports doesn't bode well for free markets. Please let us continue to do business as Americans. It will work out best in the long run for all.

Feel free to reply

Thanks, Jim

How low will we go? Check out Yahoo! Messenger's low PC-to-Phone call rates.

From: JAY & JAMIE GARRETT [JGARRETT2@EC.RR.COM]

Sent: Wednesday, July 26, 2006 7:37 PM

To: secretary

Subject: COT reports

I have found the information in the Commitment of Traders report invaluable and extremely helpful in my investments and trading and would hope the CFTC does not stop release of this report and the information to the public!

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Sincerely,

James E. Garrett, M.D.

From: Rob McDonald [rob@eulan.com.au]
Sent: Wednesday, July 26, 2006 7:26 PM

To: secretary

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From: DMO Mail Box

Sent: Wednesday, July 26, 2006 6:41 PM

To: secretary

Subject: FW: COT REPORT....

From: jcamptwo@aol.com [mailto:jcamptwo@aol.com]

Sent: Wednesday, July 26, 2006 4:55 PM

To: DMO Mail Box Subject: COT REPORT....

DEAR SIR, WE NEED A FREE MARKET SYSTEM AND WITH THAT WE NEED INFORMATION ON THE 'COT' REPORTS AS PUBLISHED NOW, ALSO PLEASE INCLUDE SPREAD DATA OF COMMERCIAL TRADERS.

THANKING YOU, JOHN VERDERBER

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To: Subject: secretary cot reports

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From: Tyler, Dean [Dean.Tyler@aa.com]

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To: secretary

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Nowadays, the report could and should be electronically blasted out every day! The reporting burden on position holders should be reduced by quick electronic notes. It's not like back in the paper days, when hard working government employees had to gather and total columns of numbers.

I hope there is still a part of government service that really wants to help the people. We'll see

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