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secretary

From: Vince Byfield [vince.byfield@gmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, July 27, 2006 11:59 AM
To: secretary
Cc: Ted Butler
Subject: COT Reports

Dear Sir or Madam,

I am in favor of modifying the COT reporting system to one of greater transparency and faster reporting.

Originally released on a monthly basis, then a weekly basis, the next logical step for the COT reporting system would be to release them on a daily basis, if not hourly, minute-by-minute or even on real-time basis. Certainly the software technology to do this is easily and readily available and is in fact already in use with most equity trading systems.

In the background information supplied by the commission it states that "Clearing members, futures commission merchants, and foreign brokers (collectively called "reporting firms") file daily reports with the Commission." Therefore the commission is already receiving the reports daily. It would therefore make sense at a minimum that the commission strive to relay this daily information to its customers on a similar daily basis.

However, one must question why manual reporting of this nature is still being done at all. If the current process requires traders to manually prepare reports then I suggest phasing this out and migrating to an automatic electronic reporting mechanism via the exchanges directly. Any COT-related information could added as required attributes that must be answered before placing any online trade order form. The CFTC information systems would therefore be instantly advised of all COT-related details on a trade-by-trade basis.

To me moving COT Reports to a real-time, transaction-based reporting system that is instantly made available to all other investors makes the most sense since more and more commodities transactions are handled entirely online. The day is fast approaching when commodities trading will be entirely online. The trading pits have had their day and so should manual filing of COT Reports with the CFTC.

The background information also states that the COT reports are the most popular service currently provided by the commission in terms of website traffic. This surely must indicate that investors strongly desire this information. Any efforts therefore to improve the quality and timeliness of this information should only increase the CFTC's popularity in this regard.

Thank you for taking the time to consider this option.

Best regards,

Vince Byfield
vince.byfield@gmail.com

7/27/2006

secretary

From: Bryan Williams [bryan@rockwatergroup.com]
Sent: Thursday, July 27, 2006 5:33 PM
To: secretary
Subject: COT Report

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From: Daniel L Weber [x_dw@comcast.net]

Sent: Thursday, July 27, 2006 4:27 PM

To: secretary

Subject: COT report

The COT report is a vital tool for investors and traders, plans to eliminate it will damage the free markets and in this age of electronic data availability we need all the information we can get to effectively invest. Eliminating COT reports, or reducing reporting frequency will damage the markets and in the long run reduce tax revenue. M3 is already gone, one less powerful tool we have lost. Federal tyranny is on the rise in America, our freedom is rapidly disappearing under George Bush.

Expect a Democratic landslide for next election!

Dan Weber; a republican for 55 years, but no longer.

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From: Eric Wennersten [weno@singnet.com.sg]
Sent: Thursday, July 27, 2006 3:38 PM
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Robert McGarty - Office Manager
Gloria Lance, Inc.
15616 S. Broadway St.
Gardena, CA 90248

secretary

From: Jim Clark Enterprises Inc. [jceinc@epix.net]
Sent: Thursday, July 27, 2006 2:39 PM
To: secretary
Subject: COT Report

With todays technology the COT reports should be published on a daily basis, but never less than weekly. This information needs to be published and should never be done away with.

James Clark

secretary

From: Andrew Lemon [aqlemon@telus.net]
Sent: Thursday, July 27, 2006 2:32 PM
To: secretary
Subject: COT Report

Dear CFTC,

I am response to your request for comments from the public regarding the COT report. I am concerned that the CFTC may be considering the discontinuation of this essential and insightful service. Your website shows almost 500,000 users in the last year alone! The report has been the subject of over 40 University studies and two best selling books. Also, as an individual trader, I rely heavily on the COT report to assist me in making market decisions.

While the report may need modification; however, the number and size of exemptions granted by the Commission would seem to demand more transparency, not less. In general, any changes made to the report should not result in the discontinuation, suspension or delaying the Commitments of Traders report. The CFTC should also take precautions to implement report changes in such a way as to maintain both transparency and continuity with historical data, as the absent of historical reference data would cause the report to become nearly unintelligible.

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I urge you to continue publishing the COT reports. They are a valuable tool for investors throughout the world.

Thank you for maintaining full disclosure to the public, and keeping our markets transparent.

Sincerely,

Mr. Andrew Q. Lemon

secretary

From: Allan Chrenek [achrenek@shaw.ca]
Sent: Thursday, July 27, 2006 2:30 PM
To: secretary
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Allan Chrenek

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secretary

From: Brent Harmes [bharmes@yahoo.com]
Sent: Thursday, July 27, 2006 2:17 PM
To: secretary
Subject: COT reports

Please do not eliminate the COT report!

It is an indispensable tool for the trader. You would be doing us a great disservice if you quit publishing it!

Brent Harmes

7/27/2006

secretary

From: Eddie Terzic [ETerzic@allincalico.demon.co.uk]
Sent: Thursday, July 27, 2006 2:16 PM
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secretary

From: Christopher McKinnon [chrispm@comcast.net]
Sent: Thursday, July 27, 2006 1:59 PM
To: secretary
Subject: COT Report

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secretary

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Sent: Thursday, July 27, 2006 2:06 PM
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From: Lamar, Ty [tlamar@intercall.com]
Sent: Thursday, July 27, 2006 1:53 PM
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secretary

From: Cameron [skylandsound@mac.com]

Sent: Thursday, July 27, 2006 1:42 PM

To: secretary

Subject: "COT reports."

Please more timely reporting of COT data,
not the elimination of it.

secretary

From: Bob Abeles portable [rjabele@earthlink.net]
Sent: Thursday, July 27, 2006 1:32 PM
To: secretary
Subject: COT Report DO NOT DO AWAY WITH THE COT REPORTS!!!

should we use darts to pick stocks?

DO NOT DO AWAY WITH THE COT REPORT!!!

Robert J Abele (just a little guy that you big guys are trying to squash) PO Box57 Davis,
IL 61019

815-248-9280

secretary

From: Judy Thompson [judy@brostinvestments.com]
Sent: Thursday, July 27, 2006 12:21 PM
To: secretary
Subject: "COT reports"

I would like to express my view on the COT reports. It has been discussed that the INDEX funds should be in an individual category—not put in with the commercial position.

I strongly agree that this change should be made –so that the COT report is a more accurate report.

Judy Thompson
Brost Investments, Inc.
608-223-9464

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secretary

From: fininfo1@aol.com
Sent: Thursday, July 27, 2006 12:56 PM
To: secretary
Subject: COT report

July 27, 2006

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sincerely,

Deborah Smith
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2725 NE 10th street
Pompano Beach, FL 33062

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secretary

From: Charles Brennan [charskip@earthlink.net]

Sent: Wednesday, July 26, 2006 10:16 AM

To: secretary

Subject: COT report

Dear Madams and Sirs.

It has come to my attention that there is the possibility that the CFTC COT report may be eliminated and or not published in the public domain.

I can think of no good reason to stop publishing the COT report.

The report provides all the same opportunity to evaluate the various long and short positions.

Please, I urge you to leave the report alone and continue it's publication.

Cordially

Charles M. Brennan

secretary

From: Angela [angela.valent@sympatico.ca]
Sent: Thursday, July 27, 2006 8:12 AM
To: secretary
Subject: COT report

The COT report is a vital tool for the free market trader. I use it everyday when considering trades. It is about the only piece of data the Government puts out that I actually think is useful. So when I found out this information might be taken away happen I was very disappointed, but unfortunately not surprised at all. I find the growing propensity of the US government to walk all over freedom of information appalling.

secretary

From: Robert Swann [robertswann@earthlink.net]
Sent: Wednesday, July 26, 2006 12:32 PM
To: secretary
Subject: cot report

please do not eliminate te cot report. It should come out daily.

Robert Swann
robertswann@earthlink.net
EarthLink Revolves Around You.

secretary

From: James W Kaywell [jwk18@comcast.net]
Sent: Thursday, July 27, 2006 11:18 AM
To: secretary
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Sincerely,

James W. Kaywell
18307 Deep Passage Lane
Fort Myers Beach, FL 33931

7/27/2006

secretary

From: chartw59@frontiernet.net
Sent: Thursday, July 27, 2006 11:21 AM
To: secretary
Subject: COT Reports

Dear Secretary:

Please reconsider the proposal to eliminate the weekly COT reports. Democracy and free markets require a free flow of information and not the elimination or restriction of such information.

Please help keep free markets -free!

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Donald W. Pendergast Jr.
Crossville, TN
July 27, 2006

chartw59@frontiernet.net

secretary

From: Robert Gurr Jr [rsgurr@hotmail.com]

Sent: Thursday, July 27, 2006 11:23 AM

To: secretary

Subject: Keep the COT reports!!!!

What are you thinking??? Getting rid of the COT reports is an extremely bad idea! I am a small investor who relies greatly on the COT reports to level the playing field. I am one of many who rely on the reporting data so that large investors and hedge funds can't hide. It is extremely valuable as a deterrent for "insider trading" in that their information becomes public knowledge. If you take the COT reports away, what is to prevent these commercial investors from their reporting responsibility and engage in "shady" practices.

I am not opposed to the reporting being modified in a way that can fix the data anomalies. Freedom to information should be increased to make this report more accurate, and with today's technology, that reporting should be easier than ever to gather.

Please keep the COT reports!!

Robert Gurr

7/27/2006

secretary

From: DCIO Internet
Sent: Thursday, July 27, 2006 10:56 AM
To: secretary
Subject: FW: COT Report Vitally Important

Someone else may have already forwarded this, but we just want to make sure that it gets to the right place. - Eileen Chotiner, DCIO

-----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:

If it is true that the CFTC report may be discontinued, please know that I and many other small traders depend on its information to help succeed in the commodity marketplace. Please do not discontinue this report. It is vital to so many of us. Thank you for your time.

Chris Jansante
Greensburg, PA

secretary

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Sent: Thursday, July 27, 2006 11:02 AM
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From: Talwar, Rohit [Rohit.Talwar@chsli.org]
Sent: Thursday, July 27, 2006 11:06 AM
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Sent: Thursday, July 27, 2006 10:27 AM
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Diana Kivi
1009 South Front Street
Saint Peter, Minnesota 56082

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martinmetz@earthlink.net
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Sent: Thursday, July 27, 2006 9:58 AM
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Sent: Thursday, July 27, 2006 9:30 AM
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-----Original Message-----

From: CJansante [mailto:cj_15601@mybluelight.com]

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

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

Subject: COT Report Vitally Important

Officers:

If it is true that the CFTC report may be discontinued, please know that I and many other small traders depend on its information to help succeed in the commodity marketplace. Please do not discontinue this report. It is vital to so many of us. Thank you for your time.

Chris Jansante
Greensburg, PA

secretary

From: Michael Okoniewski [okon2677@yahoo.com]
Sent: Thursday, July 27, 2006 8:20 AM
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From: Frank Spruill [flspruill@cox.net]
Sent: Thursday, July 27, 2006 9:16 AM
To: secretary
Subject: COT report

WHAT ARE THEY DOING WITH THE COT REPORTS? IS THERE SOMING TO HIDE?

7/27/2006

secretary

From: douglasi [ianspencedouglas@btconnect.com]

Sent: Thursday, July 27, 2006 9:16 AM

To: secretary

Subject: COT report

Dear Sir,

Can you please explain to me why you wish to stop the reporting of the COT ?

I.Douglas.

7/27/2006

secretary

From: Leata Thomas [leatathomas@bellsouth.net]
Sent: Thursday, July 27, 2006 7:52 AM
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Sent: Thursday, July 27, 2006 7:54 AM
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From: Ulrich Hesse [ulrichhesse@gmx.de]
Sent: Thursday, July 27, 2006 3:57 AM
To: secretary
Subject: CoT Report

To: secretary@cftc.gov
From: Ulrich Hesse - Faulhaberstrasse 69 - 63619 Bad Orb - Germany
Subj: COT Report

As an individual trader, I rely heavily on the COT report to assist me in making market decisions.

In the US the markets are quiet transparent, during the Cot report. I really miss a report like that in Europe. So keep your frontrun and be proud of it!

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Ulrich Hesse

7/27/2006

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Bert
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I am grateful for the information provided in the COT report!

To see this information discarded "without debate" is catastrophic;

to say the least!

Honest opinion

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Sent: Thursday, July 27, 2006 3:01 AM
To: secretary
Subject: COT REPORT

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CFTC

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Samir Rajpal

52 Meyer Road, #07-54

Singapore 437875

7/27/2006

secretary

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Sent: Thursday, July 27, 2006 2:32 AM
To: secretary
Cc: support@genesisft.com
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I believe that one the most important challenges that the Commission faces is not only ensuring that commodities and futures markets are, in fact, open and fair to all investors, but that the general public perceives and has full confidence in such openness and fairness. Specifically, I know that the Commission does not want to go back to the time in the 1970s and early 1980s when it was widely assumed that the commodities and futures markets were unfairly controlled by insiders. Since the COT reports provide timely and useful information on how the largest players in the market are behaving at any given time and since this information is available to the public, I think the continued existence of the COT reports persuasively demonstrates that the Commission is committed to transparency and fairness.

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Respectfully yours,

Daniel David, Esq.

Santa Barbara, CA

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From: Aaron Krowne [akrowne@br.endernet.org] on behalf of Aaron Krowne [akrowne@emory.edu]
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To: secretary
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We're not going to take this one quietly.

-Aaron

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Sent: Thursday, July 27, 2006 12:59 AM

To: secretary

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7/27/2006