

1 victims of more than \$5 million, and this scheme took
2 place over 2-and-a-half years. You were convicted by a
3 jury of all counts in the Indictment in which you were
4 named. And although you maintain that you are innocent,
5 you don't deny that you and the defendants did receive
6 this \$5 million from these victim companies and that you
7 have not repaid it.

8 And your defense is that this is a civil contract
9 matter, and you all have been persecuted because it is a
10 black company, yet you haven't bothered to repay it, and
11 it wasn't just a civil matter. If it had been one company
12 or two, it might have been a civil matter. But the fact
13 that it was 42 companies over a 2-and-a-half-year period,
14 involving \$5 million in which false statements were made,
15 made it a fraudulent scheme.

16 A jury heard your arguments, they heard the
17 evidence, and they disagreed with you. Now, what is
18 really sad to me is that you are a bright, intelligent
19 man, as were your co-defendants. And instead of using
20 your God-given talents to advance yourself legally, as you
21 had done up to the point that you got involved with this
22 group, you chose to use those talents in a way that was
23 fraudulent and criminal, and in a way that severely hurt
24 financially the 42 victim companies that you defrauded.

25 I believe that a sentence at the bottom of the