

SENATORS AND OFFICERS POST-TRAVEL DISCLOSURE OF TRAVEL EXPENSES

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This disclosure, along with a copy of the Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form and all attachments, MUST be provided to the Office of Public Records, Room 232 of the Hart Building, within 30 days after the travel is completed.

In compliance with Rule 35.2(a) and (c), I Tom Cotton, make the following
(Name of Senator/Officer)

disclosures with respect to travel expenses that have been or will be reimbursed/paid for me.

Private Sponsor(s) (list all): The New Criterion

Travel date(s): 08/25/2019 - 08/27/2019

Destination(s): Audrieu, France

Name of accompanying family member (if any): N/A

Relationship to Member/Officer: ☐ Spouse ☐ Child

FILL IN THE APPROPRIATE LINES. IF THE COST OF LODGING DID NOT INCREASE DUE TO THE ACCOMPANYING SPOUSE OR DEPENDENT CHILD, ONLY INCLUDE LODGING COSTS IN EMPLOYEE EXPENSES. (Attach additional pages if necessary.)

Expenses for Senator/Officer:

	Transportation Expenses	Lodging Expenses	Meal Expenses	Other Expenses (Amount & Description)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good Faith Estimate	\$116	\$690	\$510	\$0
<input type="checkbox"/> Actual Amount				

Expenses for Accompanying Spouse or Dependent Child (if applicable)

	Transportation Expenses	Lodging Expenses	Meal Expenses	Other Expenses (Amount & Description)
<input type="checkbox"/> Good Faith Estimate				
<input type="checkbox"/> Actual Amount				

Provide a description of all meetings and events attended. See Senate Rule 35.2(c)(6). (Attach additional pages if necessary.): Met with foreign leaders and diplomats at meetings hosted by the New Criterion to discuss

various issues including United States foreign policy, the role of the United States military in world

leadership, obstacles to sustained economic growth, and the impact of technology.

I HAVE MADE A DETERMINATION THAT THE TRAVEL DESCRIBED ABOVE WAS IN CONNECTION WITH MY DUTIES AS AN OFFICEHOLDER, AND DID NOT CREATE THE APPEARANCE THAT I WAS USING PUBLIC OFFICE FOR PRIVATE GAIN.

9/26/19
(Date)

Tom Cotton

(Signature of Senator/Officer)

PRIVATE SPONSOR TRAVEL CERTIFICATION FORM

This form must be completed by any private entity offering to provide travel or reimbursement for travel to Senate Members, officers, or employees (Senate Rule 35, clause 2). Each sponsor of a fact-finding trip must sign the completed form. The trip sponsor(s) must provide a copy of the completed form to each invited Senate traveler, who will then forward it to the Ethics Committee with any other required materials. The trip sponsor(s) should **NOT** submit the form directly to the Ethics Committee. Please consult the accompanying instructions for more detailed definitions and other key information.

The Senate Member, officer, or employee **MUST** also provide a copy of this form, along with the appropriate travel authorization and reimbursement form, to the Office of Public Records (OPR), Room 232 of the Hart Building, within thirty (30) days after the travel is completed.

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1. Sponsor(s) of the trip (please list all sponsors): The New Criterion
 2. Description of the trip: Conference on 'Where is the West today?'
 3. Dates of travel: 25-27 August 2019.
 4. Place of travel: France.
 5. Name and title of Senate invitees: Senator Cotton.
 6. I *certify* that the trip fits one of the following categories:
 - ☒ (A) The sponsor(s) are not registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal **and** do not retain or employ registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal **and** no lobbyist or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee *at any point* throughout the trip.
 - OR -**
 - ☐ (B) The sponsor or sponsors are not registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal, but retain or employ one or more registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal and the trip meets the requirements of Senate Rule 35.2(a)(2)(A)(i) or (ii) (*see question 9*).
 7. ☒ I *certify* that the trip will not be financed in any part by a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal.

- AND -

☒ I *certify* that the sponsor or sponsors will not accept funds or in-kind contributions earmarked directly or indirectly for the purpose of financing this specific trip from a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal or from a private entity that retains or employs one or more registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal.
 8. I *certify* that:
 - ☒ The trip will not in any part be planned, organized, requested, or arranged by a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal except for *de minimis* lobbyist involvement.
 - AND -**
 - ☒ The traveler will not be accompanied on the trip by a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal except as provided for by Committee regulations relating to lobbyist accompaniment (*see question 9*).

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9. **USE ONLY IF YOU CHECKED QUESTION 6(B)**

I *certify* that if the sponsor or sponsors retain or employ one or more registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal, one of the following scenarios applies:

- ☐ (A) The trip is for attendance or participation in a one-day event (exclusive of travel time and **one** overnight stay) and no registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee *on any segment* of the trip.

=OR=

- ☐ (B) The trip is for attendance or participation in a one-day event (exclusive of travel time and **two** overnight stays) and no registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee *on any segment* of the trip (*see questions 6 and 10*).

=OR=

- ☐ (C) The trip is being sponsored only by an organization or organizations designated under § 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and no registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee *at any point* throughout the trip.

10. **USE ONLY IF YOU CHECKED QUESTION 9(B)**

If the trip includes two overnight stays, please explain why the second night is practically required for Senate invitees to participate in the travel:

11. ☒ An itinerary for the trip is attached to this form. I *certify* that the attached itinerary is a detailed (hour-by-hour), complete, and final itinerary for the trip.

12. Briefly describe the role of each sponsor in organizing and conducting the trip:

The New Criterion has organized the conference, including issuing invitations, arranging logistics,
and determining the itinerary.

13. Briefly describe the stated mission of each sponsor and how the purpose of the trip relates to that mission:

The New Criterion is dedicated to the exploration of Western culture and ideas. This conference seeks to
explore the pivotal question of how to understand the concept of 'the West' today.

14. Briefly describe each sponsor's prior history of sponsoring congressional trips:

The New Criterion has not previously sponsored congressional trips

15. Briefly describe the educational activities performed by each sponsor (other than sponsoring congressional trips):

The New Criterion publishes a monthly review of culture and the arts, and an associated web page, and sponsors conferences and symposia, which together explore the contribution of Western culture to the flourishing of individual liberty and a free society and the threats to those ideals.

16. Total Expenses for Each Participant:

	Transportation Expenses	Lodging Expenses	Meal Expenses	Other Expenses
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good Faith estimate	\$116 (Net of estimated taxes and fees)	\$690 (Net of estimated taxes and fees)	\$510 (Net of estimated taxes and fees)	\$0
<input type="checkbox"/> Actual Amounts				

17. State whether a) the trip involves an event that is arranged or organized *without regard* to congressional participation or b) the trip involves an event that is arranged or organized *specifically with regard* to congressional participation:

a) Without regard to congressional participation.

18. Reason for selecting the location of the event or trip

Central location for overseas attendees.

19. Name and location of hotel or other lodging facility:

Chateau d'Audrieu

14250, Audrieu, France

20. Reason(s) for selecting hotel or other lodging facility:

The venue was one of the few that met all of the necessary criteria: availability, size, proximity to an international airport, and security requirements.

21. Describe how the daily expenses for lodging, meals, and other expenses provided to trip participants compares to the maximum per diem rates for official Federal Government travel:

See Addendum.

22. Describe the type and class of transportation being provided. Indicate whether coach, business-class or first class transportation will be provided. If first-class fare is being provided, please explain why first-class travel is necessary:

23. ☒ I represent that the travel expenses that will be paid for or reimbursed to Senate invitees do not include expenditures for recreational activities, alcohol, or entertainment (other than entertainment provided to all attendees as an integral part of the event, as permissible under Senate Rule 35).

25. I hereby *certify* that the information contained herein is true, complete and correct. (For trips involving more than one sponsor, you *must* include a completed signature page for each additional sponsor):

Name and Title: Roger Kimball, Editor and Publisher

Name of Organization: The New Criterion

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21. Our lodging and meal costs are over per diem. The conference is organized without regard to congressional participation. A combination of factors led to higher costs. The event has numerous attendees from several countries, and the week of the conference was the only one left in 2019 that did not conflict with prior engagements of the attendees; it happens to occur during high tourist season in France. The conference uses an entire venue, and had to have appropriate security options. Those availability, security, and timing constraints left very few options available, of which the venue was the most cost- effective of those offering appropriate quality for a conference of this size and type. All attendees receive equivalent lodging and meals.

The New Criterion

**900 Broadway
New York, NY 10003**

12 July 2019

Dear Joni,

The conference will take place from 25-28 August 2019 in France. Travel and accommodation will be arranged and covered for attendees.

Please let me know if you would like any further information. We would be delighted if Senator Cotton could attend.

Kind regards,

Roger Kimball
Roger Kimball

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Sunday

4:57pm - Arrival at Caen train station.

6-7.30pm - Opening Session (full group).

8-9:30pm - Discussion over dinner.

N.B. The order in which the four core topics are discussed will rotate among the sub-groups.

9:15-10:45am - Session 1: Culture (sub-groups)

10:45am-11am - Break.

11am-12:30am - Session 2: The Economy (sub-groups)

12:30-1:45pm - Lunch.

1:45-3:15pm - Session 3: Technology (sub-groups)

3:15-5pm - Recap and exchange between sub-groups.

Members of sub-groups will discuss their thoughts on the topics approached that day

5-8pm - Executive time.

8-9:30pm - Discussion over dinner.

Discussion of culture, the economy and technology in 'the West.'

8:30-9:15am - Breakfast.

9:15-10:45am - Session 4: Politics (sub-groups)

This session will explore the changing political paradigms throughout 'the West.'

10:45-11am - Break.

11:15am - Depart from venue.

11:54am: Train Intercités 3304 from Caen to Paris (Saint-Lazare Station)