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Employee Post-Travel Disclosure of Travel Expenses

Post-Travel Filing Instructions: Complete this form within **30 days** of returning from travel. Submit all forms to the **Office of Public Records in 232 Hart Building.**

In compliance with Rule 35.2(a) and (c), I make the following disclosures with respect to travel expenses that have been or will be reimbursed/paid for me. I also certify that I have attached:

☒ The **original** *Employee Pre-Travel Authorization* (Form RE-1), **AND**
☒ A **copy** of the *Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form* with all attachments (itinerary, invitee list, etc.)

Private Sponsor(s) (list all): Conservation International (Primary Sponsor) Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation (Grantmaking Sponsor)

Travel date(s): August 18, 2019 (Arrive Aug. 19), Depart Aug. 26, 2019 (Arrive Aug. 27)

Name of accompanying family member (if any): _____

Relationship to Traveler: ☐ Spouse ☐ Child

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 Employee:

	Transportation Expenses	Lodging Expenses	Meal Expenses	Other Expenses (Amount & Description)
☐ Good Faith Estimate ☒ Actual Amount	$3201.37	$2302.58	$802.67	$50 Visa Fee for Zambia

Expenses for Accompanying Spouse or Dependent Child (if applicable):

	Transportation Expenses	Lodging Expenses	Meal Expenses	Other Expenses (Amount & Description)
☐ Good Faith Estimate ☐ Actual Amount				

Provide a description of all meetings and events attended. *See* Senate Rule 35.2(c)(6). (Attach additional pages if necessary.): Please see attached pages

9/25/19
(Date)

R. John Insinger
(Printed name of traveler)

(Signature of traveler)

TO BE COMPLETED BY SUPERVISING MEMBER/OFFICER:

I have made a determination that the expenses set out above in connections with travel described in the *Employee Pre-Travel Authorization* form, are necessary transportation, lodging, and related expenses as defined in Rule 35.

9/25/19
(Date)

(Signature of Supervising Senator/Officer)

(Revised 1/3/11)

Form RE-2

Date/Time Stamp:

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EMPLOYEE PRE-TRAVEL AUTHORIZATION

Pre-Travel Filing Instructions: Complete and submit this form at least 30 days prior to the travel departure date to the Select Committee on Ethics in SH-220. Incomplete and late travel submissions will not be considered or approved. This form must be typed and is available as a fillable PDF on the Committee's website at ethics.senate.gov. Retain a copy of your entire pre-travel submission for your required post-travel disclosure.

Name of Traveler: R. John Insinger

Employing Office/Committee: Senator Risch

Private Sponsor(s) (list all): Conservation International

Travel date(s): August 19-26 (on ground)

Note: If you plan to extend the trip for any reason you must notify the Committee.

Destination(s): Zambia, Botswana, Namibia

Explain how this trip is specifically connected to the traveler's official or representational duties:

I am Chief of Staff for Senator James Risch, Chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. This trip will educate me on conservation, population growth and international relationships relevant to the visited countries. I will advise and consult with Senator Risch after my return.

Name of accompanying family member (if any): None

Relationship to Employee: ☐ Spouse ☐ Child

I certify that the information contained in this form is true, complete and correct to the best of my knowledge:

7/18/19
(Date)

(Signature of Employee)

TO BE COMPLETED BY SUPERVISING SENATOR/OFFICER (President of the Senate, Secretary of the Senate, Sergeant at Arms, Secretary for the Majority, Secretary for the Minority, and Chaplain):

I, Senator Risch *(Print Senator's/Officer's Name)* hereby authorize R. John Insinger *(Print Traveler's Name)*

an employee under my direct supervision, to accept payment or reimbursement for necessary transportation, lodging, and related expenses for travel to the event described above. I have determined that this travel is in connection with his or her duties as a Senate employee or an officeholder, and will not create the appearance that he or she is using public office for private gain.

I have also determined that the attendance of the employee's spouse or child is appropriate to assist in the representation of the Senate. *(signify "yes" by checking box)* ☐

7/18/19
(Date)

(Signature of Supervising Senator/Officer)

(Revised 10/19/15)

Form RE-1

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Day 1 (Aug 19) – Livingstone/Vic Falls, Zambia

12:20 PM	South African Airways Flight #48 from Johannesburg to Livingstone, Zambia arrives, clear customs.
1:30 – 2:30 PM	Transfer to Avani "Resort", check-in. Resort in name only; just a hotel
3:00 – 5:30 PM	Visit Victoria Falls on the Zambezi River where we will hear an overview of the upcoming trip, including USG-supported conservation efforts in the region that further the US's security and economic interests. Trip participants will also learn how the Zambezi, Africa's 4th largest river, is vital to the health of the Okavango Delta. One of the Zambezi's tributaries, the Cuando River flows into the Okavango Delta. Thus, on the first day of the trip, participants will get an immediate introduction into how a major upstream water source impacts the Okavango Delta and the entire region. Saw draught situation first hand.
5:30 – 7:00 PM	Welcome dinner.

Day 2 (Aug 20) – Chobe National Park, Botswana

6:30 – 11:00 AM	Road transfer from Livingstone to Kasane (clear customs at border)
11:00 – 12:00 AM	Check in to Cresta Mowana Safari "Resort", Kasane, Botswana Again, "Resort" in name only; just a hotel
12:00 – 2:00 PM	Lunch with **Ruud Jansen**, Executive Secretary of Gaborone Declaration For Sustainability in Africa to hear about the Elephant Protection Initiative (EPI) The Elephant Protection Initiative (EPI) is an Africa-led solution to the elephant crisis. Conservation International, along with Stop Ivory, are Co-Secretariats of the Initiative, which includes 18 African nations and 26 leading international NGOs and IGOs. EPI works to support and deliver upon two key international agreements: the 2010 African Elephant Action Plan – signed by all 38 African countries with remaining elephant populations – and the UN Sustainable Development Goals.
2:00 – 4:00 PM	Visit Elephants without Borders office to see the elephant orphanage and learn about one of the mitigation plots which is using solar powered technology to repel elephants from farmers' fields. Excellent presentation by Mike Chase, Elephant expert.
4:00 - 6:00 PM	Afternoon site visit with **Ruud Jansen** to witness firsthand the Elephant prides benefitting from EPI and Government of Botswana conservation effort. These elephant herds migrate hundreds of miles, passing into and through the Okavango Delta.

7:00 – 8:30 PM Dinner with **Ruud Jansen** and further discussion on Elephant Protection Initiative and US Government efforts to protect elephants and other species in the region through Congressionally-initiated USAID and State Department programs to combat wildlife trafficking and the USFWS Multinational Species Conservation Fund and END Wildlife Trafficking Act.

Day 3 (Aug 21) – Chobe National Park, Botswana

6:30 – 10:30 AM Early morning site visit with **Ruud Jansen** to continue the viewing and discussion of the elephant prides and the conservation efforts in the region supported by the USFWS Multinational Species Conservation Fund. Many of these conservation efforts will be enhanced by provisions in the DELTA Act.

11:00 – 1:00 PM Lunch and discussion with **Julia Levin,** Country Director from Conservation South Africa.

Conservation International has been piloting work with communities to eliminate the sources of conflict between cattle farmers and wildlife protection and restore traditional rangelands. Conservation International is now expanding this successful program to Botswana. Critical issues here

2:00 – 5:00 PM Afternoon site visit with **Julia Levin** visiting communities and wildlife rangelands to better understand the conflicts and solutions from a field perspective. Discuss how the DELTA Act is intended to assist many of these communities in better managing their natural resources and assist them in combatting wildlife trafficking.

6:30 – 8:30 PM Dinner and presentation by WCS Central Africa Regional Director, **Emma Stokes,** regarding the successful model(s) of USG investment in CARPE.

The Central Africa Regional Program for the Environment (CARPE) is a long-term initiative of the United States Government to promote sustainable forest management, biodiversity conservation, and climate change mitigation in the Congo Basin through increased local, national, and regional natural resource management capacity. Through its funding of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) and the U.S. Agency for International Development, Congress has consistently supported CARPE since its inception.

Ms. Stokes accompanied the group full-time both days in Chobe area, was very knowledgeable on wildlife habitat and interaction relating to all conservation issues.

Day 4 (Aug 22) – Caprivi Region, Namibia

Note: Day 4 and Day 5 of the trip will bring Congressional Staff to the Caprivi Region of Namibia, a critical area for the Okavango Delta. The Okavango River flows directly through Namibia's Caprivi Strip, carrying 2.5 trillion gallons of water per year. Without this river, the Okavango Delta – located just downstream – would cease to exist, and substantial amounts of wildlife would perish. The DELTA Act commits U.S. support to resource management, particularly water. These two days will give staff a good perspective on the area and the opportunity to speak with people who have a substantial impact on the Okavango Delta region.

9:00 – 10:00 AM Transfer to Kasane airport

10:00 – 10:30 AM Bush plane flight Kasane- Katima Mulilo Airport (clear customs)

11:30 – 11:45 AM Transfer to Lianshulu Bush Lodge, Zambezi Region, Namibia

12:00 – 1:00 PM Lunch – followed by geographical briefing of 3-river system and migration issues, by Mike and Chris

3:00 – 4:00 PM Afternoon site visit to MET Ngenda Ranger Station with **Chris Weaver,** director of WWF Namibia and **Dr. Mike Knight,** WWF Transboundry Kaza Coordinator to meet the rangers currently conducting a game count of the Mudumu National Park. Rangers will explain how the community and government are working together on the count and the results generated thus far.

4:00 – 6:30PM Site visit to Muduma National Park

This park has seen over the past years a great rebound in wildlife population and is undoubtedly connected to the communal conservancy program that has generated a change of local attitudes toward the wildlife. At Namibia's independence in 1990, this area was largely devoid of wildlife as it had been subjected to extensive poaching during the war for independence. Just prior to independence, communities in the area were further alienated towards wildlife when the outgoing South African Conservation Ministry proclaimed Mudumu National Park without consulting with communities. Consequently, surrounding communities were highly hostile towards wildlife in the early 1990s. This hostility was gradually broken down by the local NGO, Integrated Rural Development and Nature Conservation (IRDNC), who with the support of the USAID funded Living In a Finite Environment (LIFE) Project, introduced the concept of community game guards to local traditional authorities and communities. In 1996, the Namibia Nature Conservation Ordinance was amended to allow for the creation of communal conservancies, which in-turn, paved the way for communities to become benefactors and stewards of wildlife. Today, the Mudumu National Park is surrounded by communal conservancies, resulting what some described as a "biological desert" in the early 1990s into a productive national park with an abundance of wildlife today.
Also met with entire group conducting annual wildlife census in the area; Very informative!

7:00 – 8:30 PM Dinner and further discussion with **Chris Weaver** and **Dr. Mike Knight** on the Mundumu National Park visit, especially as it relates US Government investment in the region via the Congressionally initiated USAID Biodiversity program.

Nyambe Nyambe (KAZA) also present and participated.

Day 5 (Aug 23) – Caprivi Region, Namibia

6:30 – 8:30 AM	Site visit to view wildlife that depends on the waterways along the Kwandu River Mike, Chris, Nyambe accompanied, and offered great insights.
8:30 – 9:30 AM	Breakfast
9:30- 10:00 AM	Road Transfer to Mashi Conservancy
10: – 12:00 PM	Site visit the Mashi and Mayuni Conservancy with ~~John Kamwi~~ Bennet and **Janet Matota** from IRDNC to continue the site visits to communities. The Okavango River flows directly through Namibia's Caprivi Strip, carrying 2.5 trillion gallons of water per year. Without this river, the Okavango Delta – located just downstream – would cease to exist. Also presentation by a big cat expert (Ray?)
12:00 – 1:00 PM	Road Transfer to lodge.
1:00 – 3:00 PM	Lunch and discussion with **Nyambe** from the Kavango Zambezi Transfrontier Conservation Area (KAZA TFCA) KAZA TFCA was established to sustainably manage the Kavango Zambezi ecosystem, its heritage and cultural resources based on best conservation and tourism models for the socio-economic wellbeing of the communities and other stakeholders in and around the eco-region through harmonization of policies, strategies and practices.
3:00 – 4:00 PM	Transfer to community sites directly supported by KAZA TFCA This will enable staff to speak in-person with communities that have a direct upstream impact on the Okavango Delta. Very beneficial direct interaction with the people themselves.
4:00-6:00 PM	Meet with the Wuparo Conservancy at Sangwali to meet with some of the conservancy members and community game guards to talk about Human Wildlife Conflict. This is an important issue across the KAZA landscape and it will be useful to understand the challenges that communities have living with elephants, lions, crocodile, etc. Again, very beneficial to see things from the citizens being impacted.
7:30 – 9:00 PM	Dinner and further discussion on the work KAZA TFCA is doing in the region, especially as it relates US Government involvement and decision making.

Day 6 (Aug 24) – Okavango Delta

NOTE: Much of Day 6 and Day 7 will be spent in and around the Khwai Concession. The Khwai Concession formed by the local Khwai villagers and is managed by the Khwai Development

Trust. The area used to be a hunting concession but is now actively managed as a conservation area.

Very well!

8:00 – 11:00 AM	Flight Lianshulu Bush Lodge- Katima Mulilo (clear customs)-Kasane
11:30 – 12:00 PM	Transfer and check in Capture Africa Mobile Camp, Okavango Delta, Botswana – Khwai Concession Area
12:30 – 1:00 PM	Lunch with **Portia Segomelo,** project manager of OKACOM (the Permanent Okavango River Basin Water Commission). Ms. Segomelo will present on the efforts geared towards joint management of this globally important shared watershed as well as the impact of the recently enacted Defending Economic Livelihoods and Threatened Animals (DELTA) Act. Portia and Sekowa (below) accompanied group the entire two days, very helpful interaction on a continuous basis. Signed into law in December 2018, the Defending Economic Livelihoods and Threatened Animals (DELTA) Act, aims to promote sustainable economic growth through trans-boundary conservation programs in the Okavango River Basin. This DELTA Act directs the Department of State and the U.S. Agency for International Development to work with Angola, Botswana, Namibia, and neighboring countries to develop a strategy to: (1) promote responsible natural resource and wildlife management practices in the greater Okavango River Basin, (2) protect migration routes of elephants and other threatened wildlife species, (3) combat wildlife poaching and trafficking, (4) address local health needs, and (5) catalyze economic growth. During the first-hand excursions OKACOM and Mr. Motsumi will discuss the potential impact of the DELTA Act and how the conservation and policy strategies being enacted in the region are critical for maintaining this incredible ecosystem.
2:30 – 4:30 PM	Afternoon mokoro boat-based site visit of the Okavango River Basin. Mokoro canoes allow us to access more remote areas that are not accessible by vehicle, highlighting the regional challenges and gaining a deeper understanding of the work of OKACOM, especially as it relates to the DELTA Act. Examples include implementation of a number of transboundary-level projects such as UNDP GEF project, EU SAP project, and work with other partners such as DFID CRIDF
6:30 – 8:30 PM	Dinner with The Nature Conservancy (TNC) Okavango Director, **Mr. Sekgowa Motsumi** to discuss the conservation efforts of focusing on the upper catchment in Angola where more than 95% of the water comes from. TNC is implementing a program that will ensure the livelihoods of the local population are improved from the conservation of the Okavango Basin resources as well as ensuring that its status as a global

public resource is maintained. Portia Segomelo with OKACOM will join for dinner as well.

Day 7 (Aug 25) – Okavango Delta

6:30 – 10:30 AM	Site visit of wilderness area with the intent of diving deeper into the Okavango Region, and exploring further into the bush to understand better the vast conservation issues of this unique region.
11:30 – 1:00 PM	**Mr. Portia Segomelo** from OKACOM and **Mr. Sekgowa Motsumi** from TNC who will offer a presentation with more details related to TNC's work in Angola where the water comes from within the context of source water protection. The benefits of such interventions flow downstream to benefit the entire watershed particularly the Okavango Delta. TNC's work on the ground as well as the analytics being done, will serve as a proof of concept to inform both national (Angola, Botswana, and Namibia), regional (OKCOM), and U.S. DELTA Act investments, policies/programs in the region.
2:30 – 5:30 PM	Afternoon site visit of the Okavango Delta Region to gain a terrestrial perspective on the conservation challenges of the region.
6:30 – 8:00 PM	Final farewell dinner with **Sekgowa Motsumi** and **Portia Sefomelo**, to include a discussion of all that we have seen and how the US Government involvement and decision making can greatly support these important and critical conservation efforts.

Day 8 (Aug 26) – Travel day

9:30 – 11:00 AM	Early afternoon flight to Maun International Airport
2:05- 4:05 PM	Air Botswana Flight #211: Maun to Johannesburg
6:30PM - 6:25AM	South African Airways flight #209: Johannesburg to Washington DC
9:05PM- 6:40AM (Aug 27)	South Africa Airways flight #203: Johannesburg to New York

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CONSERVATION INTERNATIONAL

July 10, 2019

Dear Mr. Insinger,

I am pleased to invite you on a seven-day trip to Southern Africa to experience firsthand how U.S. investment in international conservation efforts contribute to America's long-term foreign policy objectives and enhance U.S. economic and national security interests around the globe.

Trip participants will depart from the U.S. on Sunday, August 18, 2019, and meet with the rest of the delegation in Livingston, Zambia, on Monday, August 19. The trip ends with departure from Livingston on August 26. Conservation International will cover the cost of airfare, ground transportation, lodging and meals.

On this trip, we will learn about U.S.-supported efforts to combat wildlife trafficking and poaching to curb the damaging effects of the illicit wildlife trade. We will learn of the important role that cross-border collaboration has in protecting wildlife, enhancing ecotourism and providing adequate livelihoods to the 1 million residents of the Okavango River Basin. These conservation efforts play a significant role in protecting nature for the benefit of humanity.

Considering Southern Africa's vital role in regional and global biodiversity, we will see where international conservation efforts are proving to be highly successful and how lessons learned from this region can be applied to other regions around the globe.

During the trip there will be meetings with government officials from Botswana, Namibia and Zambia. We will also meet with regional U.S. Government officials, representatives from local non-governmental organizations, corporate partners and wildlife conservation experts.

Careful efforts have been made to make this experience valuable to your work. Therefore, we will provide you with brief reading materials that will provide information and insight into U.S.-supported conservation efforts in the region.

In closing, this trip has come together rather quickly and your decision to attend is requested as soon as possible, the Ethics Committees require travel paperwork to be submitted by July 19. We look forward to seeing you in Southern Africa.

Sincerely,

Dawson J. Hunter

Dawson Hunter
Senior Director
U.S. Government and Policy
Conservation International

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): Conservation International Foundation

2. Description of the trip: Okavango Delta trip to educate, advance knowledge, and awareness of critical internal conservation efforts that can be applied on a global scale.

3. Dates of travel: Depart Aug.18, 2019 (Arrival Aug. 19) - Depart Aug. 26, 2019 (Arrival Aug. 27)

4. Place of travel: Zambia, Botswana, Namibia (Okavango Delta river Basin)

5. Name and title of Senate invitees: Please see attached

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*).

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:

Conservation International is the primary and only sponsor of the trip.

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

Please see attached

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

Conservation International previously proposed sponsoring a congressional trip in the spring of 2019.

That proposed trip was ultimately canceled.

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

Conservation International engages in educational activities focused on the contribution of targeted U.S. investment in international conservation efforts and enhances U.S. economic and national security interests around the globe.

16. Total Expenses for Each Participant:

	Transportation Expenses	Lodging Expenses	Meal Expenses	Other Expenses
☒ Good Faith estimate ☐ Actual Amounts	$2,241.50	$2,669.50	$1,605	N/A

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:

This trip was arranged/organized specifically with regard to congressional participation.

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

Please see attached

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

Avani Resort, Zambia; Cresta Mowana Safari Resort, Botswana; Lianshulu Bush Lodge, Namibia; Capture Africa Mobil Camp, Botswana

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

Please see attached

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:

Trip expenses exceed the Federal government per diem rates in order to provide safe lodging that can accommodate the group in close proximity to the sites visited.

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:

Car,Coach, and Bush flights

see explanation attached

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).

24. List any entertainment that will be provided to, paid for, or reimbursed to Senate invitees and explain why the entertainment is an integral part of the event:

N/A

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):

Signature of Travel Sponsor: RLNASH

Name and Title: Richard B. Nash, SVP and General Counsel

Name of Organization: Conservation International Foundation

Address: 2011 Crystal Drive, Suite 600, Arlington, VA 22202

Telephone Number: 703-341-2411

Fax Number:

E-mail Address: rnash@conservation.org

Addendums

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

Building on a strong foundation of science, partnership and demonstration, Conservation International empowers societies to responsibly and sustainably care for nature and global biodiversity for the wellbeing of humanity. The educational activities provided pursuant to this trip will focus on the role of targeted U.S. investment in international conservation efforts in support of CI's mission and enhance U.S. economic and national security interests around the globe.

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

Last year Congress passed the Defending Economic Livelihoods and Threatened Animals (DELTA) Act, legislation that specifically targets preservation of the Okavango Delta and the waterways and migrating wildlife that depend on it. Now law, the DELTA Act authorizes the U.S. Government to provide assistance for resource management and to combat illegal poaching and wildlife trafficking - deemed by Congress as national security threats to the United States. This trip will give Sr. Congressional staff a ground-level perspective on how the DELTA Act will help stabilize and preserve this large, remote and critically important region

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

Each specific lodge was chosen based on security concerns on the ground and proximity to those sites most important to accomplishing the educational purposes of the trip. Lodging close to these sites is quite limited and the chosen lodges were the best options available in close proximity to the sites that also permitted the group to stay together in a safe and secure hotel.

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:

Commercial Bush flights are required because road travel would present safety or security risks and take a prohibitively long time (8+ hours).

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Southern Africa Congressional Trip

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Day 1 (Aug 19) – Livingstone/Vic Falls, Zambia

12:30 PM	Flight from Washington, DC to Livingstone, Zambia arrives, clear customs
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7:00 – 8:30 PM	Dinner and further discussion on Elephant Protection Initiative, especially as it relates US Government involvement and decision making.

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Day 4 (Aug 22) – Caprivi Region, Namibia

9:00 – 10:00 AM Transfer to Kasane airport

10:00 – 10:30 AM Bush plane flight Kasane- Katima Mulilo Airport (clear customs)

11:30 – 11:45 AM Transfer to Lianshulu Bush Lodge, Zambezi Region, Namibia

12:00 – 1:00 PM Lunch

2:00 – 5:30 PM Afternoon drive to visit private concessions

> Visit private concession connected with KAZA supporting changes in Namibia and Zambia's national policy framework, including giving communities the right to manage and benefit from their own wildlife. Getting that legal framework right is at the core of community-based conservation, and fundamental to the achievement of the KAZA vision.

7:00 – 8:30 PM Dinner and further discussion on the private concession visits, especially as it relates US Government involvement and decision making.

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Day 5 (Aug 23) – Caprivi Region, Namibia

6:30 – 10:00 AM Early morning drive to continue the site visits to communities within the private concessions.

11:30 – 2:00 PM Lunch and discussion with representatives from the Kavango Zambezi Transfrontier Conservation Area (KAZA TFCA)

> KAZA TFCA was established to sustainably manage the Kavango Zambezi ecosystem, its heritage and cultural resources based on best conservation and tourism models for the socio-economic wellbeing of the communities and other stakeholders in and around the eco-region through harmonization of policies, strategies and practices.

3:00 – 6:30 PM Visit community sites directly supported by KAZA TFCA

7:30 – 9:00 PM Dinner and further discussion on the work KAZA TFCA is doing in the region, especially as it relates US Government involvement and decision making.

Day 6 (Aug 24) – Okavango Delta

8:00 – 11:00 AM Flight Lianshulu Bush Lodge- Katima Mulilo (clear customs)-Kasane

11:30 – 12:00 PM Transfer and check in Capture Africa Mobile Camp, Okavango Delta, Botswana

12:30 – 1:00 PM Lunch with The Nature Conservancy Okavango Director Sekgowa Motsumi to discuss the conservation efforts of OKACOM (the Permanent Okavango River Basin Water Commission) as well as the impact of the recently enacted Defending Economic Livelihoods and Threatened Animals (DELTA) Act.

> Signed into law in December 2018, the Defending Economic Livelihoods and Threatened Animals (DELTA) Act, aims to promote sustainable economic growth through trans-boundary conservation programs in the Okavango River Basin. This DELTA Act directs the Department of State and the U.S. Agency for International Development to work with Angola, Botswana, Namibia, and neighboring countries to develop a strategy to: (1) promote responsible natural resource and wildlife management practices in the greater Okavango River Basin, (2) protect migration routes of elephants and other threatened wildlife species, (3) combat wildlife poaching and trafficking, (4) address local health needs, and (5) catalyze economic growth.

During the first-hand excursions OKACOM and Mr. Motsumi will discuss the potential impact of the DELTA Act and how the conservation and policy strategies being enacted in the region are critical for maintaining this incredible ecosystem.

2:30 – 4:30 PM	Afternoon mokoro (traditional canoe) excursion to highlight the region and gain a deeper understanding of the work of OKACOM, especially as it relates to the DELTA Act.
6:30 – 8:30 PM	Dinner with Okavango River Basin Commission (OKACOM) as well as Sekgowa Motsumi, TNC Okavango Director

Day 7 (Aug 25) – Okavango Delta

6:30 – 10:30 AM	Early morning boat trip with the intent of diving deeper into the Okavango Region, and exploring further into the bush to understand better the vast conservation issues of this unique region.
11:30 – 1:00 PM	Lunch and further discussion with staff from OKACOM
2:30 – 5:30 PM	Afternoon game drive to gain a terrestrial perspective to the conservation issues.
6:30 – 8:00 PM	Final farewell dinner, to include a discussion of all that we have seen and how the US Government involvement and decision making can greatly support these important and critical conservation efforts.

Day 8 (Aug 26) – Travel day

9:30 – 11:00 AM	Early afternoon flight to Maun International Airport
2:30 PM	International commercial flights home Maun

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Invitations Sent

Conservation International has invited the following staffers on a seven-day trip to Africa in light of their members' official responsibilities related to conservation matters. Further, CI understands that the staffers invited have conservation issues or issues related to illicitly traded wildlife products in their portfolio.

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