

that letter, defendant further stated that "I hope that the additional units will make the partnership a viable venture." Id. Thereafter, when the Rapid Reply, the internal HUD document which transmitted the funds from HQ to the regional office, was cut, defendant obtained a copy of it and had it hand-delivered at government expense to Arama at Mitchell's office. G. Ex. 30.

Tr. 2986 (Dean).

Defendant admitted sending materials to Mitchell and Nunn. Tr. 2970-71, 2981-82. Her claim that the materials were simply public records, or were materials given to her by others, presented at most a jury issue. Similarly, it was for the jury to decide the credibility of defendant's central defense, which was that she was unaware that Mitchell (and later Brennan) were being paid to act as consultants on these housing projects and that Mitchell and Brennan lied to her regarding Mitchell's role. See Tr. 2989-90, 2996-96, 3003. In this regard, the jury was entitled to consider defendant's testimony that she was shocked upon learning of the payments to Mitchell when she received the HUD-IG Report, and that she expressed her anger to HUD IG agent Al Cain, Tr. 2617; and the jury was further entitled to consider Agent Cain's testimony on rebuttal that this conversation never occurred. Tr. 3199. Likewise, the jury was entitled to weigh defendant's testimony that her best recollection was that she had met Nunn only after leaving HUD against her admission on cross-examination that she had told a reporter in 1989 that she had known Nunn since she was a little