

JOSE M. MIRANDA, *Broadcasting Board of Governors*

Jose M. Miranda (a/k/a “Chema”) served as programs director at TV Martí, where he was responsible for selecting and acquiring programs for broadcast.¹ In November 2006, a federal grand jury in Miami, Florida indicted Mr. Miranda for “unlawfully participating in government matters in which he had a financial interest . . . and falsely report[ing] no outside income in financial disclosure forms with the government.”² Specifically, the indictment alleged that between November 2001 and December 2004, Mr. Miranda received \$100,000 from Perfect Image Film and Video Productions (“PIFVP”), a vendor with which TV Martí was doing business.³ Mr. Miranda accepted the payment during the same time that he approved requisitions and invoices for services rendered by Perfect Image to TV Martí.⁴ Additionally, Mr. Miranda was charged with making false representations in his financial disclosure reports for 2002, 2003 and 2004.⁵ In each of those years, Mr. Miranda claimed that he had no income other than his \$103,000 government salary⁶ when, in fact, he was receiving over \$100,000 in kickbacks from PIFVP.⁷ Mr. Miranda is currently on a \$250,000 personal surety bond.⁸

TV Martí is operated by the Office of Cuba Broadcasting (“OCB”), a component of the International Broadcasting Bureau (“IBB”). IBB provides administrative and engineering support for U.S. government-funded non-military international broadcast services and is supervised by the Broadcasting Board of Governors, an independent federal agency responsible for all U.S. government and government sponsored broadcasts.⁹ According to federal records obtained by *The Miami Herald*, the OCB paid at least \$239,000 to PIFVP from 2001 to 2006.¹⁰

¹ U.S. Department of Justice, Press Release, Former Director of Programs of TV Martí Indicted on Conflict of Interest Charges, November 17, 2006 [hereinafter “DOJ Press Release”]. (Exhibit 1)

² Id.

³ U.S. v. Miranda, Crim. No. 06-20707, Indictment, Count 1, ¶ 2 (S.D. Fla. Nov. 16, 2006) [hereinafter “Indictment”]. (Exhibit 2)

⁴ Id.

⁵ Id., Counts 2-4, ¶ 4.

⁶ Oscar Corral, TV Martí Executive Indicted, *The Miami Herald*, November 18, 2006. (Exhibit 3)

⁷ Indictment, Count 1, ¶ 2.

⁸ DOJ Press Release.

⁹ Id.

¹⁰ Corral, *The Miami Herald*, Nov. 18, 2006.