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Dear Secretary, Commissioner, and Chairman:

Below is a very disturbing piece wherein it states that the CFTC admits hiding information exposing market manipulation.

On behalf of myself and other American Citizens not named here but in general, I'd like this email and its forward to be incorporated into whatever minutes or pre-hearing documentation that will be used in your March meeting you advised would be held regarding market shorts, including the silver precious metal suppression question.

I'm thoroughly appalled and disenchanted by this information. I'd like to know, personally, HOW this happened, by whom, why and where the original orders came from to do this manipulation. The fleeing of America has got to stop.

Please get the necessary power to get the silver market manipulation shorts, etc., RESOLVED, and clarified so the public may KNOW where their money is, and have this information published fairly, honestly and clearly for the American citizens to understand what is going on.

Thank you for your continued efforts. I'd like it if someone would acknowledge receipt of this email and give me any comments that could offer me some sort of solace regarding this abomination. As always, God bless.

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By Adrian Douglas
Saturday, February 20, 2010

Recently while reviewing the bank participation reports (BPR) released each month by the U.S. Commodity Futures Trading commission I noticed that, since November 2009, in silver and in some other commodities the CFTC has stopped listing the number of banks that hold positions.

So GATA sent an inquiry to the CFTC as to why this data was now being omitted. We got the following response dated February 19:

"Commissioner Chilton asked that I look into your issue regarding the CFTC Bank Participation Report (the BPR). Specifically, you noticed that beginning with the December 2009 BPR the CFTC has not included a breakdown of the participating banks in the silver futures, although the breakdown is provided for gold. You had inquired as to why the information has changed.

"Beginning with the December 2009 BPR, the CFTC began suppressing the trader count in some markets. The change

became effective with the December 2009 BPR because it was the next available report to be published following the commission's November 2009 decision to implement the change.

"The decision to suppress the trader counts was made as part of an ongoing review of the methodology of the BPR. As part of that review, the commission determined that where the number of banks in each reporting category is particularly small, fewer than four banks, there exists the potential to extrapolate both the identity of individual banks and the bank's positions. Under section 8(a) of the Commodity Exchange Act, the commission, among other things, is generally prohibited from publishing data and information that would separately disclose the business transactions or market positions of any person/entity.

"Accordingly, in order to protect the confidentiality of market participants' positions, the commission determined to suppress the individual category breakdown when that number is less than four.

"An explanation of this determination appears in the Explanatory Notes section of the BPR as it appears on the CFTC Website, www.cftc.gov. I have cut and pasted the language below for your convenience.

"The Explanatory Notes appear at:

http://www.cftc.gov/marketreports/bankparticipation/bankparticipation_ab...

"Notably, these Explanatory Notes were posted on November 30, 2009, prior to the release of the amended BPR.

"I took a look at the January 2010 BPR and noted that the change has affected the reporting on several commodities, including soybeans, wheat, corn, heating oil, natural gas, etc., such that silver has not been treated in a manner inconsistent with the report structure.

"I hope this explanation is helpful. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any further questions.

"Regards,

"Laura Gardy

"Legal Assistant to Commissioner Bart Chilton"

In March 2009 I wrote an article entitled "Pirates of the COMEX." (See <http://www.gata.org/node/7307>.) In this article I showed how the two largest short positions on the New York Commodity Exchange, which reached an outrageously manipulative extreme of 100 percent of the commercial net short position, must be held by JPMorgan Chase and HSBC. I did this by comparing data from the CFTC with the bank derivatives report of the U.S. Office of the Comptroller of the Currency (OCC). This article was sent to the CFTC.

The CFTC has been posting the monthly bank participation report for more than 10 years. Under a strict interpretation of the law that prohibits the CFTC from "publishing data and information that would separately disclose the business transactions or market positions of any person/entity," giving the number of contracts held long and short and the number of banks holding the positions does not "separately disclose the business transactions or market positions of any person/entity." The CFTC now claims that the identity of traders and their holdings could be "extrapolated." But if "extrapolation" is required, then the CFTC has not "disclosed" the information. Extrapolation is, at best, an inference, not a disclosure.

The new reporting protocol of the CFTC concerning the bank participation reports is stated on the commission's Internet site as "the BPR includes data for every market where five or more banks hold reportable positions."

If one looks at the latest COT report, there are plenty of examples of categories where there are only four traders holding positions. For example, in Random Length Lumber 4 traders hold all the long positions in the swap trader category, and in Platinum 4 traders hold all the spread positions in the managed money category.

So not only has the CFTC gone out of its way to interpret "extrapolation" of data to infer traders' positions and identities as equivalent to actual "disclosure," but the commission has not afforded the same level of anonymity to any other trader by eliminating the trader count if it is less than five.

What has made it possible to "extrapolate" and infer that the two biggest shorts of gold and silver on the Comex are JPMorgan Chase and HSBC is their outrageously manipulative positions in the largely unregulated OTC derivatives market, where they are not afforded anonymity because they must report their positions to the OCC, which publishes their holdings and names. In the latest report JPMorgan Chase and HSBC hold more than 95 percent of the gold and precious metals derivatives of all U.S. banks, with a combined notional value of \$109 billion.

The latest OCC Quarterly Report on Bank Derivatives Activities shows that the total notional value of all types of derivatives held by all U.S. banks is \$204 trillion. The report shows that just five U.S. banks own 97 percent of them. They are JPMorgan Chase, Goldman Sachs, Bank of America, Citi, and Wells Fargo, with HSBC in sixth place.

If the U.S. government has a budget of \$3.8 trillion and supposedly governs a \$10 trillion economy, yet five commercial banks control \$198 trillion of derivatives, who do you think really runs the country?

This is what the OCC says about the derivative holdings of these banks:

"A total of 1,065 insured U.S. commercial banks reported derivatives activities at the end of the third quarter, a decrease of 45 banks from the prior quarter. Nonetheless, derivatives activity in the U.S. banking system continues to be dominated by a

small group of large financial institutions. Five large commercial banks represent 97 percent of the total banking industry notional amounts and 88 percent of industry net current credit exposure.

"While market or product concentrations are normally a concern for bank supervisors, there are three important mitigating factors with respect to derivatives activities. First, there are a number of other providers of derivatives products whose activity is not reflected in the data in this report. Second, because the highly specialized business of structuring, trading, and managing derivatives transactions requires sophisticated tools and expertise, derivatives activity is concentrated in those institutions that have the resources needed to be able to operate this business in a safe and sound manner. Third, the OCC and other supervisors have examiners on-site at the largest banks to continuously evaluate the credit, market, operation, reputation, and compliance risks of derivatives activities."

None of the three mitigating factors cited by the OCC accurately describe the problem with regulating these banks. The real mitigating factor is that these banks are more powerful than the government. They have the power to destroy the global financial system quicker than any nuclear conflict could. And there is no non-proliferation treaty for derivatives.

After my March 2009 article identifying the massive short sellers of gold and silver, the CFTC has become farcical. It now is issuing bank participation report that omit bank participation information.

In November 2009 JPMorgan Chase and HSBC held 43 percent of the commercial net short position in gold and 68 percent of the commercial net short position in silver. But the makeup of these positions highlights the manipulation. In gold they were short 123,331 contracts but long only 523 contracts and in silver short 41,318 contracts and long only 1,426 contracts. How could such one-sided bets be made unless the outcome was certain? These are obviously not positions for customers because it is so improbable that these two banks attract only investors who want to sell short.

It is clear that the generous interpretation of "disclosure" afforded to the biggest shorts in the precious metals, which is not necessary nor is it afforded to others, is evidence that the CFTC is aiding and abetting the manipulation of the precious metals markets and not preventing it, as is the commission's mandate.

The CFTC has been investigating possible market manipulation in gold and silver for a year and a half. Yet the CFTC has just facilitated the anonymity of the banks that GATA has long implicated in the suppression of gold and silver prices.

What is taking the CFTC so long to investigate? Is the time being spent on exposing manipulation or on finding new ways to cover it up?

JPMorgan Chase and HSBC are running a bucket shop. Very little metal is ever delivered on the Comex, so that market can be manipulated by anyone with large positions and deep pockets. JPMorgan Chase and HSBC qualify on both counts. This then allows them to make billions of dollars in the precious metal and gold OTC derivatives market, which is much bigger than the Comex.

HSBC is the custodian of the gold in the GLD exchange-traded fund, and JPMorgan Chase is the custodian of the silver in the SLV ETF. The prospectuses of these ETFs have omitted a "material fact" that their custodians have sold gold and silver on a massive scale and that they do not have the metal to meet their liabilities. There is an obvious conflict of interest here.

Such an omission is a criminal offense under Article 10(b) of the Securities Act. The CFTC has the power under the Commodity Exchange Act to suspend any firm from an exchange if it has violated the Securities Act. Will the CFTC do so? I will not hold my breath.

This latest skullduggery only helps to confirm what GATA has been exposing for more than 10 years. Nor is this the first change in government reporting that has occurred as a direct result of GATA exposes. In 2000 the U.S. Mint changed the denomination of 1,700 tonnes of gold stored at West Point from "gold reserves" to "custodial gold," which implies that a change in ownership occurred. When GATA inquired about this change, *all* U.S. gold was reclassified into the meaningless and farcical category of "Deep Storage Gold."

But all market manipulations are unsustainable. The suppression of gold and silver represents the investment opportunity of a lifetime because they will rise to their true market prices when these illegal activities come to a sticky end. More and more investors, institutions, central banks, and countries are not only buying gold and silver but buying *real physical gold and silver metal*, not paper promises or substitutes. There are increasing signs that the supply of real metal is becoming tight. Once impending default becomes apparent, the precious metals will shake off their shackles and be priced several fold more than they are today.

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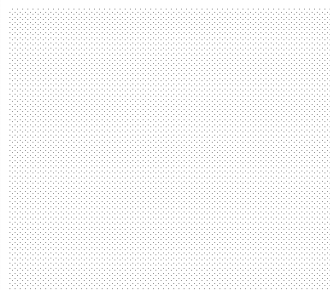
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