

The Costs of Sponsoring *Operation Pretense* Following USM's Money

This report tracks the cost to USM of producing James R. Crockett's book, *Operation Pretense*. The exhibits you see below generally speak for themselves. As the data continue to come into usmpride.com, more analysis and commentary will be added. This is a work in progress. In the meantime, feel free to peruse the information supplied below.

Supporting Documentation

James Crockett's Morgan Professorship, 1998-1999

<u>Date</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Expense</u>
Aug-98	Operation Pretense	\$391.82
1-Oct-98	Operation Pretense	\$ 84.74
Dec-98	Operation Pretense	\$123.91
Feb-99	Operation Pretense	\$380.25
Mar-99	Operation Pretense	\$130.37
May-99	Operation Pretense	\$323.00
Jun-99	Operation Pretense	<u>\$260.70</u>
		\$1,694.79

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Dear Jim,

University of Press of Mississippi looks forward to publishing *Operation Pretense: The FBI's Sting on County Corruption in Mississippi* in our Fall/Winter 2002 season. As you may know, the financial pressures on university presses are increasing at a steady rate. In an effort to offset some of the production costs, we are asking all of our authors to approach their school administrations and inquire as to the availability of publication subventions.

We are pleased that USM's administration recognizes the importance of your forthcoming book in the form of a \$1,000 subvention. As it stands, we plan to publish the 228-page book in a jacketed, clothbound edition, with a print run of 1,000 copies. It will be sold at a retail price of \$40, with a trade discount. As we have already incurred costs related to the book in the form of copyediting fees and will soon be faced with typesetting and printing fees, I would appreciate it if you could ask your purchasing department to expedite payment. If your department requires more information about our plans for the book, we would be happy to supply any additional supporting documentation.

We look forward to receiving the subvention check and thank everyone involved for their efforts to assist the publication of your work.

With best regards,

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Dear Jim,

As requested by USM's purchasing department, please find enclosed a list of the immediate publishing costs for *Operation Pretense: The FBI's Sting on County Corruption in Mississippi*. As you will see, the cost of publication is considerably more than the \$2,000 subvention for which we are applying. Furthermore, this list does not include any expenses that the Press will incur for the marketing, promotion, distribution or warehousing of the book upon publication.

Please give this information to the appropriate individual at your earliest convenience.

With best regards,

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enclosure

\$2,000 PRE-PAYMENT REQUIRED

Enclosure

Estimate for *Operation Pretense: The FBI's Sting on County Corruption in Mississippi* by James R. Crockett

page count: 288
print run: 1000 clothbound copies, two-color jacket
trim size: 6"x9"

Paper/printing/binding: \$3,925.00
Copyediting: \$500.00
Composition: \$3,200.00
Freight: \$350.00

TOTAL BOOK COSTS: 7,975.00

REQUISITION

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<u>Description</u>	<u>Actual Unit Price</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Publication fees for Dr. Crockett's book: "The Preacher's Ten Percent: The Story of Operation Pretense"	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00

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E-mail from Bill Gunther

From: Gunther

To: ALLCBAHATTIESBURG

Sent: 2/26/03 9:42 AM

Subject: Operation Pretense – Book signing by our Jim Crockett

Colleagues:

You should have received an invitation from Main Street Books to a book signing by Jim Crockett.

However, the invitation failed to indicate the date and time:

March 4 – 4:00 – 6:00 PM

Main Street Books

206 Main Street

Hattisburg

Bill

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Comments by Marc DePree: The procedures when Dr. Crockett got the Morgan Professorship - from someone who was there:

The Department Chairman (Director) was required to collect nominations for the Morgan Professorship. I delivered a letter nominating an Associate Professor who had an outstanding research record to Department Chairman Crockett. He handed it back to me and said that he had already nominated himself. Dr. Crockett advised me that the Chairman of the Selection Committee was supposed to consider nominees later in the week or the week after. I was surprised because I was on the Committee and had received no notice of the meeting. The next day, I asked the Committee Chairman when we were to meet and he said the committee had already met and selected Department Chairman Crockett for the Morgan Professorship. As Department Chairman, Dr. Crockett was charged with forming the Selection Committee that awarded the Professorship. He had also named himself the representative and individual to respond to any questions concerning the Perpetual Fund Agreement of the Morgan Professorship.

When I complained, Department Chairman Crockett insisted on a meeting. He was furious and said, "Everyone knew that I [Crockett] was supposed to get the Professorship this time." A few weeks later, I read in the local newspaper about the appointment of Dr. Crockett as the new Morgan Professor. The announcement cited his integrity.

USM Reimbursements for *Operation Pretense*

<u>Date</u>	<u>Source</u>	<u>Reimbursement</u>
1998-99	Morgan Professorship	\$1,694.79
Jun-2002	USMPO-0001008647	<u>\$2,000.00</u>
		\$3,694.79