

Public administration in clubs and from the back seat of a Cadillac

Only Bush and Yeltsin were missing from Enäjärvi's tennis partners

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The Director General Martti Enäjärvi, has been running the affairs of the Patent and Registration Office PRH from the back seat of a Cadillac for many years.

The preliminary investigation report that came out on Wednesday makes for revealing reading: in 1993-1998, Enäjärvi made hundreds of trips by official car to the Finnish Club, celebrations, the Paasikivi Society, Rotary lunches, and tennis and golf courses.

Most of the destinations were in the Helsinki region, but occasionally Turku, Tampere, Kuusankoski and other cities were visited.

According to Mr Enäjärvi, all the trips were related to the Director-General's duties.

In several hundred entries in the logbook, the destination is also marked 'Munkka' or 'Munkkiniemi'.

Enäjärvi lives in the district. In the same corner are, among others, the Fisherman's Market, the State Guest House and the State Administration Development Centre.

The police suspected that Enäjärvi had been transported by a state official car on his usual business trips, but he himself denied this. The trips were related to official business.

According to Mr Enäjärvi, the entries in the logbook relating to 'Munkka' refer to visits to other places in the same district.

In support of his claim, he submitted to the police in his final statement a map of Munkkinieme, on which all the places of interest for his official duties were marked with stickers and hand-drawn arrows.

Martti Enäjärvi also provided the police with a list of his tennis partners.

The title of the paper is descriptive: 'In the field of public relations, PRH customer relations and international relations, I have played with the following people in 1994 and onwards.' First on the list are "ex-President, CEO Matti Ahde" and "Prime Minister Esko Aho".

Later, they include Pertti Salolainen, Minister of Foreign Trade, Jorma S. Aalto, Chancellor of Justice, Jarmo Rantanen and Director General Jouko K. Leskinen.

The list also includes three foreign ambassadors and a number of members of parliament.

In the last paragraph of the paper, Enäjärvi regrets that having missed his peak moments as a tennis player.

"I was once invited to play with President Bush and once with President Yeltsin, but both times I was prevented."

During 1993-1998, Mr Enäjärvi was suspected of having been paid a total of almost €13,500 by PRH for various private entertainment activities.

Representation expenses for the Finnish Club alone amounted to €5,800 from 1996 onwards.

The accounts of the Patent and Registration Office also revealed representation expenses of well over a thousand euros for Lieutenant Colonel Leo Skogström and military historian Sampo Ahto.

The representation has been linked to an initiative to produce a CD-ROM on military history.

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