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### Big tax break for just one taxpayer

(E) EXCEPTION FOR CERTAIN TRANSACTIONS.— (i) In general.—In the case of any pre-1987 open year, the amendment made by section 1275(b) shall not apply to any income derived from transactions described in clause (ii) by 1 or more corporations which were formed in Delaware on or about March 6, 1981, and which have owned 1 or more office buildings in St. Thomas, United States Virgin Islands, for at least 5 years before the date of the enactment of this Act. (ii) Description of transactions.—The transactions described in this clause are—

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The inside of the mansion also has changed with each owner. Brown favored heavy mahogany furniture and large oil paintings of George Washington and Benjamin Franklin. He kept a 1928 Pierce Arrow seven- passenger sedan and a dozen horses in the stable. He also had 10 head of cattle and 60 chickens on the grounds and a large stuffed buffalo head on the wall of the main hallway. Houdry, the chemist, who bought the estate from Brown in the 1930s, was fond of Louis XV and XVI period furniture. A Frenchman who had come to America to market his catalytic process, Houdry named the estate Le Mesnil, the Little Farm. He kept a late-model Thunderbird in the garage, French engravings on the walls even in the powder room - gold and silver cigarette cases everywhere and two large stuffed fish over the bar.

# Redactions in FOIA and ways to work around them

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# **Working with numbers**

INCOME CATEGORY (2)	CHANGE IN FEDERAL TAXES (3)		Average T	NUMBER OF TAXPAYER UNITS (7)	
	Millions	Percent	Percent	Percent	Thousands
Less than \$10,000	-\$396	-5.6%	9.1%	8.6%	19,260
\$10,000 to \$20,000	-\$1,792	(8)	-0.7%	-1.2%	20,566
\$20,000 to \$30,000	-\$2,982	-13.5%	3.9%	3.4%	21,510
\$30,000 to \$40,000	-\$5,416	-11.5%	7.9%	7.0%	16,011
\$40,000 to \$50,000	-\$6,728	-10.0%	10.9%	9.9%	12,841
\$50,000 to \$75,000	-\$23,046	-8.7%	14.8%	13.5%	27,393
\$75,000 to \$100,000	-\$22,437	-8.0%	17.0%	15.6%	17,835
\$100,000 to \$200,000	-\$70,372	-7.5%	20.9%	19.4%	30,667
\$200,000 to \$500,000	-\$65,485	-9.0%	26.4%	23.9%	9,152
\$500,000 to \$1,000,000	-\$23,947	-9.4%	30.9%	27.8%	1,147
\$1,000,000 and over	-\$36,853	-5.9%	32.5%	30.2%	572
Total, All Taxpayers	-\$259,454	-8.0%	20.7%	19.0%	176,955

Source: Joint Committee on Taxation

# Calculating the tax breaks

AVERAGE TAXCUT TAXPAYERS	WITI	H \$1 MILLION	OR	MORE INCOME
Total Amount of Tax Cut for				
Taxpayers \$1 million or more	\$	36,853,000	(In I	Millions)
Total Number of Taxpayers				
With Income \$1 million or more		572	(In T	Γhousands)
Average Taxcut Taxpayers				
\$1 million or more	\$	64,428.32		

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