

4 JUN 1976

FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
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OFFICE OF GENERAL COUNSEL

Mr. Glenn W. Brown
P. O. Box 37
Attica, Michigan 48412

Re: HUR 115 (76)

Dear Mr. Brown:

This letter is in response to yours of March 23, 1976. I apologize for our delay in notifying you of this matter; however, pending reconstitution the Commission was unable to take action in compliance matters. I have reviewed the facts set forth in your letter and have concluded that the information set forth does not give rise to a substantial violation under the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended. Accordingly, upon my recommendation, the Commission has decided to close its files in this matter.

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Sincerely yours,

Signed: John G. Murphy, Jr.

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General Counsel

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DATE AND TIME OF TRANSMITTAL: MAY 26 1976

NO. MUR 115 (76)
REC'D: 3/25/86

FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
Washington, D. C.

Complainant's Name: Glenn W. Brown

Respondent's Name: American Party

Relevant Statute: None alleged; possibly 18 U.S.C. §617

Internal Reports Checked: None

Federal Agencies Checked: None

SUMMARY OF ALLEGATION

The complainant alleges that solicitations from the American Party are misleading in that they falsely suggest that the party supports Reagan and Wallace as candidates.

PRELIMINARY LEGAL ANALYSIS

The allegations are unsubstantiated. There is a possible jurisdiction problem.

RECOMMENDATION

This matter should be closed and the attached letter sent out.

Date of Next Commission Review: _____



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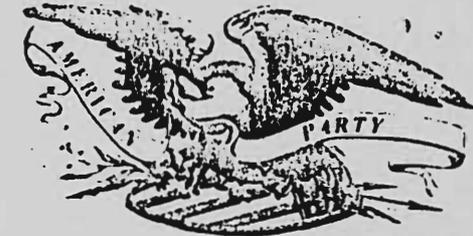
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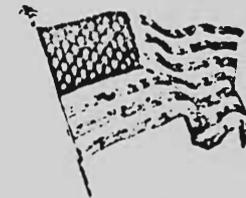
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I urge you to send a check for the largest amount you can at this critical time. We cannot wait until after the nomination. Too often it has been too little, too late; let's not let this happen again. Also, when you write please tell me that we can count on you in your local district to help build this party to the national stature that is its destiny.

I am waiting to hear from you. Please do not forget to fill out the questionnaire. Let's put the American Party on the map and let's win in '76!

Yours for victory,



Thomas J. Anderson
National Chairman

P.S. Please be sure to fill out THE AMERICAN PARTY Citizen Opinion Poll on the reverse side of your contribution card. These are but a few of the vital issues that concern every AMERICAN today, and THE AMERICAN PARTY will ask your opinion from time to time in order to determine the needs of every citizen.

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John Rarick from Louisiana quit the American party.

I certainly doubt Senator Helms would run third party.

Mr. Grady I do not know.

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- Inclosed: 1 letter
- 1 pamphlet
- 2 newspaper articles

Subscribed and Sworn before me this 23rd day of March, 1976. at Lapeer, Michigan.

Mary Ellen Thick
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