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Signed J. Theoford  
date 8-29-85

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BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

In the Matter of )  
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John R. Block ) MUR 1701  
Young Americans for Freedom )

CERTIFICATION

I, Marjorie W. Emmons, recording secretary for the Federal Election Commission executive session of August 7, 1984, do hereby certify that the Commission decided by a vote of 6-0 to take the following actions in MUR 1701:

1. Find no reason to believe John R. Block violated the Federal Election Campaign Act and close the file as it pertains to him.
2. Merge MUR 1701 into 1707.
3. Send to John R. Block and the Young Americans for Freedom the letters attached to the General Counsel's report dated July 20, 1984.

Commissioners Aikens, Elliott, Harris, McDonald, McGarry, and Reiche voted affirmatively for the decision.

Attest:

8-7-84

Date

Marjorie W. Emmons

Marjorie W. Emmons  
Secretary of the Commission

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Young Americans for Freedom )

CERTIFICATION

I, Marjorie W. Emmons, recording secretary for the Federal Election Commission executive session of July 31, 1984, do hereby certify that the Commission took the following actions in MUR 1701:

1. Failed in a vote of 3-2 to find reason to believe that John R. Block violated 2 U.S.C. § 441(d).

Commissioners Harris, McDonald, and McGarry voted affirmatively for the motion; Commissioners Aikens and Elliott dissented. Commissioner Reiche was not present at the time of the vote.

2. Decided by a vote of 5-0 to continue consideration of this matter at the next executive session of the Commission.

Commissioners Aikens, Elliott, Harris, McDonald, and McGarry voted affirmatively for the decision; Commissioner Reiche was not present.

Attest:

8-3-84

Date

Marjorie W. Emmons

Marjorie W. Emmons  
Secretary of the Commission

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

August 8, 1984

Daniel Oliver, Esquire  
W. Scott Burke, Esquire  
Office of the General Counsel  
U.S. Department of Agriculture  
14th and Independence Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20250

RE: MUR 1701  
(John R. Block)

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Sincerely,

Charles N. Steele  
General Counsel

By Kenneth A. Gross  
Associate General Counsel

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION  
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August 8, 1984

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Re: MUR 1701  
(Young Americans for Freedom)

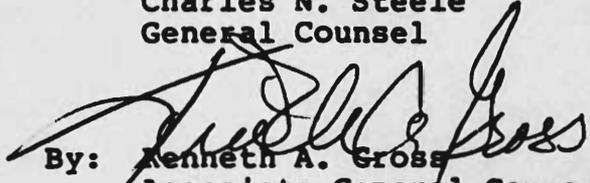
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If you have any questions, please contact Judy Thedford at (202) 523-4000.

Sincerely,

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By:   
Kenneth A. Gross  
Associate General Counsel

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

MEMORANDUM TO: CHARLES STEELE, GENERAL COUNSEL  
FROM: MARJORIE W. EMMONS/SUSAN M. TEIR <sup>SMT</sup>  
DATE: JULY 24, 1984  
SUBJECT: OBJECTION - MUR 1701 - GENERAL COUNSEL'S  
REPORT signed July 20, 1984

The above-named document was circulated to the  
Commission on Monday, July 23, 1984 at 11:00.

Objections have been received from the Commissioners  
as indicated by the name(s) checked:

Commissioner Aikens \_\_\_\_\_  
Commissioner Elliott \_\_\_\_\_  
Commissioner Harris \_\_\_\_\_ X  
Commissioner McDonald \_\_\_\_\_  
Commissioner McGarry \_\_\_\_\_  
Commissioner Reiche \_\_\_\_\_

This matter will be placed on the Executive Session  
agenda for Tuesday, July 31, 1984.

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION  
 WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

MEMORANDUM

TO: Office of the Commission Secretary  
 FROM: Office of General Counsel *ct*  
 DATE: July 20, 1984  
 SUBJECT: MUR 1701 - General Counsel's Report

The attached is submitted as an Agenda document  
 for the Commission Meeting of \_\_\_\_\_

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BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

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OFFICE OF THE  
COMMISSION SECRETARY

In the Matter of )  
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John R. Block )  
Young Americans for Freedom )

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**GENERAL COULSEL'S REPORT**

**I. BACKGROUND**

This matter arises from a complaint filed by Ms. Carol C. Piper on May 18, 1984, against Secretary of Agriculture John R. Block. The complaint alleges that "John R. Block has violated the Federal Election Campaign Act by exploiting his position as Secretary of Agriculture and by using the files of the Department to compile a mailing list of possible contributors for Young Americans for Freedom."

The complaint is based on Ms. Piper's knowledge of her husband's receipt of a solicitation sent over the signature of John R. Block on behalf of Young Americans for Freedom ("YAF"). The letter solicits its readers to send contributions of up to \$10,000 to the YAF to enable that organization to "promote Ronald Reagan and his programs" in the upcoming 1984 presidential election. The letter, which appears to advocate President Reagan's re-election and which solicits contributions towards that end, does not reflect who paid for or authorized the communication.

The complainant contends that the Department of Agriculture is the source of the mailing list that was used for purposes of soliciting contributions on behalf of YAF. According to the complainant, the Department of Agriculture got Mr. Piper's name

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several years ago when he requested the book Gardening for Food and Fun from the Department through his congressman, C.W. Bill Young (6th District, Florida).

The letters notifying the respondents of the filing of the complaint were mailed on May 29, 1984. On June 7, 1984, Deputy General Counsel W. Scott Burke of the U.S. Department of Agriculture submitted a letter requesting an extension for Secretary Block to submit a reply to the complaint. The Office of General Counsel granted the extension. The Block reply was received July 9, 1984.

On June 26, 1984, YAF filed a Designation of Counsel Statement and requested an extension of time to reply to the filing of the complaint. The extension was granted until July 17, 1984.

## II. LEGAL AND FACTUAL ANALYSIS

### a) John R. Block

The response to the complaint filed by John R. Block concentrated on the two allegations set forth by Ms. Piper. The first allegation dealt with Block's exploitation of his position as the Secretary of Agriculture. Block responded by stating that it is not illegal for cabinet members to campaign for the President's reelection. Block further stated that the fundraising letter at issue was for YAF, not for Reagan's re-election effort.

The second allegation alleged the use of a purported USDA mailing list by YAF. In reply Block submitted three affidavits.

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The affidavits are from John C. Handley, Special Assistant to Secretary Block; John J. Franke, Jr., Assistant Secretary for Administration of the USDA; and Charles L. Grizzle, former Confidential Assistant to Secretary Block. The affidavits attest to the fact that the mailing list used by YAF was not given to YAF by the USDA and that no such list exists at the USDA.

It does not appear that John R. Block has violated any section of the Federal Election Campaign Act, as amended. None of the allegations presented by Ms. Piper fall within the scope of the Act.

It is recommended that the Commission find no reason to believe John Block violated the Act, and close the file as it pertains to him.

b) Young Americans for Freedom

As of this writing, we have not received the response from YAF. However, the same letter which was received by Mr. Piper is also the subject matter of MUR 1707. As the Commission has already found reason to believe YAF violated 2 U.S.C. § 441b(a) and § 441d, and opened an investigation in MUR 1707, it is recommended that this matter be merged into 1707.

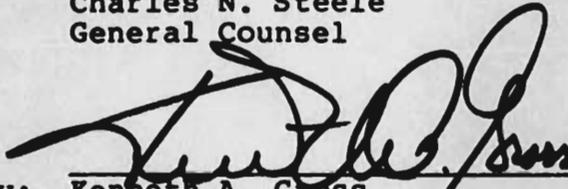
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**III. RECOMMENDATION**

1. Find no reason to believe John R. Block violated the Act, and close the file as it pertains to him.
2. Merge MUR 1701 into 1707.
3. Send the attached letters to John R. Block and YAF.

Charles N. Steele  
General Counsel

July 20, 1994  
Date

  
By: Kenneth A. Gross  
Assistant General Counsel

**Attachments**

1. Block Response
2. Letter to Block's Counsel
3. Letter to YAF's Counsel

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# ATTACHMENT I

July 5, 1984

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Kenneth A. Gross, Esquire  
Associate General Counsel  
Federal Election Commission  
Washington, D. C. 20463

Re: MUR 1701

Dear Mr. Gross:

This letter, and the enclosed affidavits of James C. Handley, John J. Franke, Jr., and Charles L. Grizzle, constitute the response of Secretary John R. Block (Secretary Block) to the complaint in the above-cited matter. This response addresses the specific matters raised in the complaint. If it is in any respect incomplete, we will be pleased to supplement it.

Although the complaint is not entirely clear as to its grounds, it appears to allege two possible violations of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended ("the Act"). They are:

1. That Secretary Block "exploit[ed] his position as Secretary of Agriculture"; and
2. That the mailing list used for the fund-raising letter of Young Americans for Freedom (YAF) was improperly compiled because it was constituted in whole or part of recipients of a book, Gardening for Food and Fun, distributed by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA).

I. Allegation that Secretary Block Exploited His Position

The complaint does not explain with specificity in what manner Secretary Block allegedly exploited his position. However, the complaint states that "The Secretary of Agriculture is doing this [working for the President's re-election] without resigning."

Our response to this portion of the complaint is two-fold. First, Cabinet members are not legally prohibited

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from campaigning for a President's re-election. Second, the letter upon which the complaint is based was a fund-raiser for YAF. It did not seek funds for the President's re-election but to support YAF and its programs.

II. Allegation of Improper Use of Mailing List

Although this section of the complaint is not specific, it apparently alleges that YAF was given a mailing list compiled by USDA, consisting in whole or part of recipients of a book, Gardening for Food and Fun, which the complainant's husband apparently received "through his Congressman, C. W. Bill Young."

The enclosed affidavits of James C. Handley, John J. Franke, Jr., and Charles L. Grizzle, directly address this portion of the complaint. Mr. Franke serves as Assistant Secretary for Administration of USDA. He states that there exists no list of recipients of the publication in question nor any other list of similar nature.

Mr. Handley is Special Assistant to Secretary Block. Mr. Grizzle served as Confidential Assistant to Secretary Block from June 16, 1982, to July 23, 1983, and has served as Deputy Assistant Secretary for Administration of USDA since July 24, 1983. As their affidavits state, they "were in charge of activities on behalf of the Secretary concerning a fundraiser" of YAF.

Neither Messrs. Handley or Grizzle, nor any other employee of the Department, gave to YAF or its representatives any list for any purpose. Indeed, no list of the type described in the complaint even exists. The list used by YAF was its own, not provided in whole or part by respondent, USDA, or its employees. Respondent has no knowledge of those on the mailing list used by YAF.

III. Conclusion

The complaint sets forth no violation of the Act by Secretary Block. It should be dismissed.

Very truly yours,

W. Scott Burke  
Deputy General Counsel

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BEFORE THE  
FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C.

In Re: John R. Block )  
Secretary of Agriculture ) FEC No. MUR 1701

AFFIDAVIT OF CHARLES L. GRIZZLE

I, Charles L. Grizzle, do swear and affirm as follows:

- 1. That my name is Charles L. Grizzle.
- 2. That I serve as Deputy Assistant Secretary for Administration of the Department of Agriculture and have held this position since July 24, 1983.

3. That from June 16, 1982 to July 23, 1983, I served as confidential assistant to the Secretary of Agriculture, John R. Block (Secretary Block). In that position, I and my superior, James C. Handley, Special Assistant to Secretary Block, were in charge of activities on behalf of the Secretary concerning a fundraiser of Young Americans for Freedom (YAF) sent out over the signature of Secretary Block.

4. That neither I nor any other person in this Department gave or caused to be given to YAF, nor to any persons acting on behalf of YAF, nor to any person nor to any other private or political organization, a mailing list or list of names of any kind or description compiled by the Department or by anyone connected with the Department.

5. That to the best of my knowledge and belief, no list or lists were compiled or exists of persons who received either directly from the Department or indirectly through members of Congress, the publication Gardening for Food

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and Fun, or any similar publication or publications. Nor, to my knowledge, does any similar list exist.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.  
28 U.S.C. 1746. Executed this 29th day of June, 1984, in Washington, D.C.

*Charles L. Grizzle*  
Charles L. Grizzle  
Deputy Assistant Secretary  
for Administration

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BEFORE THE  
FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C.

In Re: John R. Block )  
Secretary of Agriculture ) FEC No. MUR 1701

AFFIDAVIT OF JOHN J. FRANKE, JR.

I, John J. Franke, Jr., do swear and affirm as follows:

1. That my name is John J. Franke, Jr.

2. That I serve as Assistant Secretary for Administration of the U. S. Department of Agriculture (the Department) and have served as such since March 11, 1983. In this position, I am responsible for the administration and the administrative services of the Department, including the Office of Information Resources Management and the Office of Operations.

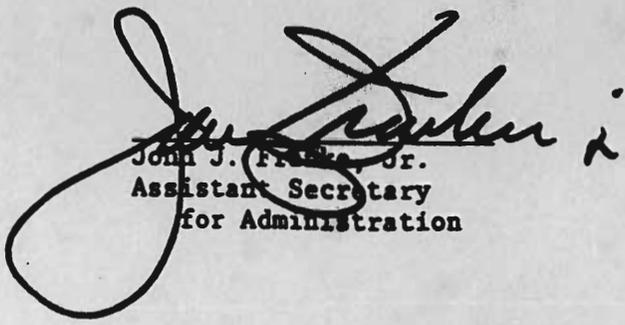
3. That to the best of my knowledge and belief, neither Young Americans for Freedom nor any other private or political organization received a mailing list or list of names of any kind or description from the Department or any of its employees.

4. That there exists no list of persons who received either directly from the Department or indirectly through members of Congress, the publication Gardening for Food and Fun, or any other list of similar nature.

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I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.  
28 U.S.C. 1746. Executed this 29<sup>th</sup> day of June, 1984, in Washington, D.C.

  
John J. Franks, Jr.  
Assistant Secretary  
for Administration

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BEFORE THE  
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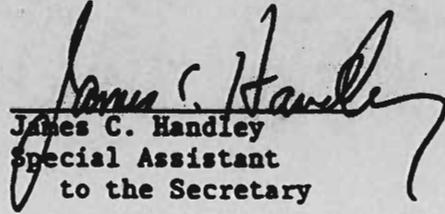
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James C. Handley  
Special Assistant  
to the Secretary

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ATTACHMENT III

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July 9, 1984

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Office of General Counsel  
Federal Election Commission  
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RE: MUR 1701  
Young Americans for  
Freedom Political  
Action Committee,  
Robert E. Dolan,  
Treasurer

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Dear Ms. Thedford:

Please be advised that, as counsel for Young Americans for Freedom Political Action Committee, we are making every possible effort to comply with the filing requirements outlined in the complaint.

However, we are experiencing difficulties in gathering the information necessary to file complete and accurate reports. We have requested the relevant information from the financial institutions involved and have asked them to expedite the process. We have requested copies of all bank statements and copies of all cancelled checks and deposit receipts if possible and practicable.

As soon as we obtain all the information necessary to complete the reports we will forward them to the Commission.

Very truly yours,



MacKenzie Canter III

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July 19, 1984

*GCC #4112*

Ms. Judy Thedford  
Office of General Counsel  
Federal Election Commission  
1325 K Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20463

RE: MUR 1701  
Young Americans for Freedom  
Political Action Committee

Dear Judy:

This letter will serve to summarize the items discussed at our meeting of July 16, 1984.

As discussed, a Vice President at First Virginia Bank has refused a request to release the bank records needed to file the reports. He says he needs the signature of a person who has signature authority over the account. We are not sure who has this authority. We will try to locate this person or persons.

If this attempt fails we may have to call upon your office to subpoena the bank records.

We have also requested bank records from the First American Bank.

As you can see, we are making every possible effort to comply with the filing requirements.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely,

*Dan*

Daniel A. Cassano, Esq.

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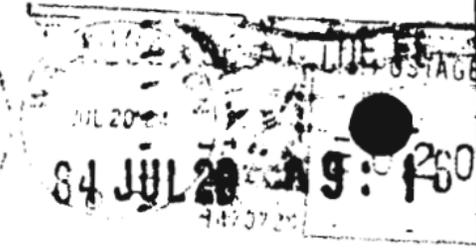
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July 5, 1984

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I. Allegation that Secretary Block Exploited His Position

The complaint does not explain with specificity in what manner Secretary Block allegedly exploited his position. However, the complaint states that "The Secretary of Agriculture is doing this [working for the President's re-election] without resigning."

Our response to this portion of the complaint is two-fold. First, Cabinet members are not legally prohibited

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from campaigning for a President's re-election. Second, the letter upon which the complaint is based was a fund-raiser for YAF. It did not seek funds for the President's re-election but to support YAF and its programs.

II. Allegation of Improper Use of Mailing List

Although this section of the complaint is not specific, it apparently alleges that YAF was given a mailing list compiled by USDA, consisting in whole or part of recipients of a book, Gardening for Food and Fun, which the complainant's husband apparently received "through his Congressman, C. W. Bill Young."

The enclosed affidavits of James C. Handley, John J. Franke, Jr., and Charles L. Grizzle, directly address this portion of the complaint. Mr. Franke serves as Assistant Secretary for Administration of USDA. He states that there exists no list of recipients of the publication in question nor any other list of similar nature.

Mr. Handley is Special Assistant to Secretary Block. Mr. Grizzle served as Confidential Assistant to Secretary Block from June 16, 1982, to July 23, 1983, and has served as Deputy Assistant Secretary for Administration of USDA since July 24, 1983. As their affidavits state, they "were in charge of activities on behalf of the Secretary concerning a fundraiser" of YAF.

Neither Messrs. Handley or Grizzle, nor any other employee of the Department, gave to YAF or its representatives any list for any purpose. Indeed, no list of the type described in the complaint even exists. The list used by YAF was its own, not provided in whole or part by respondent, USDA, or its employees. Respondent has no knowledge of those on the mailing list used by YAF.

III. Conclusion

The complaint sets forth no violation of the Act by Secretary Block. It should be dismissed.

Very truly yours,



W. Scott Burke  
Deputy General Counsel

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BEFORE THE  
FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C.

In Re: John R. Block )  
Secretary of Agriculture ) FEC No. MUR 1701

AFFIDAVIT OF CHARLES L. GRIZZLE

I, Charles L. Grizzle, do swear and affirm as follows:

1. That my name is Charles L. Grizzle.
2. That I serve as Deputy Assistant Secretary for Administration of the Department of Agriculture and have held this position since July 24, 1983.
3. That from June 16, 1982 to July 23, 1983, I served as confidential assistant to the Secretary of Agriculture, John R. Block (Secretary Block). In that position, I and my superior, James C. Handley, Special Assistant to Secretary Block, were in charge of activities on behalf of the Secretary concerning a fundraiser of Young Americans for Freedom (YAF) sent out over the signature of Secretary Block.
4. That neither I nor any other person in this Department gave or caused to be given to YAF, nor to any persons acting on behalf of YAF, nor to any person nor to any other private or political organization, a mailing list or list of names of any kind or description compiled by the Department or by anyone connected with the Department.
5. That to the best of my knowledge and belief, no list or lists were compiled or exists of persons who received either directly from the Department or indirectly through members of Congress, the publication Gardening for Food

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and Fun, or any similar publication or publications. Nor, to my knowledge, does any similar list exist.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

28 U.S.C. 1746. Executed this 29th day of June, 1984, in Washington, D.C.

  
Charles L. Grizzle  
Deputy Assistant Secretary  
for Administration

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BEFORE THE  
FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C.

In Re: John R. Block )  
Secretary of Agriculture ) FEC No. MUR 1701

AFFIDAVIT OF JOHN J. FRANKE, JR.

I, John J. Franke, Jr., do swear and affirm as follows:

1. That my name is John J. Franke, Jr.

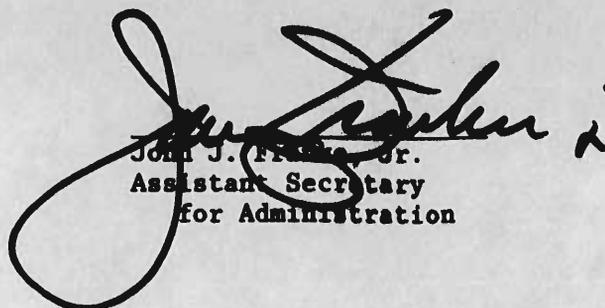
2. That I serve as Assistant Secretary for Administration of the U. S. Department of Agriculture (the Department) and have served as such since March 11, 1983. In this position, I am responsible for the administration and the administrative services of the Department, including the Office of Information Resources Management and the Office of Operations.

3. That to the best of my knowledge and belief, neither Young Americans for Freedom nor any other private or political organization received a mailing list or list of names of any kind or description from the Department or any of its employees.

4. That there exists no list of persons who received either directly from the Department or indirectly through members of Congress, the publication Gardening for Food and Fun, or any other list of similar nature.

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I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.  
28 U.S.C. 1746. Executed this 29<sup>th</sup> day of June, 1984, in Washington, D.C.

  
John J. Ficks, Jr.  
Assistant Secretary  
for Administration

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BEFORE THE  
FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C.

In Re: John R. Block )  
Secretary of Agriculture ) FEC No. MUR 1701

AFFIDAVIT OF JAMES C. HANDLEY

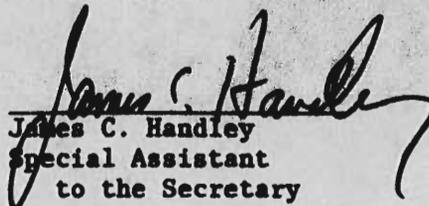
I, James C. Handley, do swear and affirm as follows:

1. That my name is James C. Handley.
2. That I serve as Special Assistant to the Secretary of Agriculture, John R. Block (Secretary Block), and that I have held this position since January 26, 1981.
3. That Charles L. Grizzle, who served as my deputy from June 1982 to July 1983, and I were in charge of activities on behalf of the Secretary in connection with a fundraising letter sent out by Young Americans for Freedom (YAF) over Secretary Block's signature.
4. That neither I, nor, to the best of my knowledge and belief, any person in the Department of Agriculture (the Department), gave or caused to be given to YAF, nor to any persons acting on behalf of YAF, nor to any person nor to any other private or political organization, a mailing list or list of names of any kind or description compiled by the Department or by anyone connected with the Department.
5. That to the best of my knowledge and belief, no list or lists were compiled or exists of persons who received either directly from the Department or indirectly through members of Congress the publication, Gardening for Food and Fun or any similar publication or publications.

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I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

28 U.S.C. 1746. Executed this 28<sup>th</sup> day of June, 1984, in Washington, D.C.

  
James C. Handley  
Special Assistant  
to the Secretary

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

June 29, 1984

MacKenzie Canter, III  
Canter, Kent & Sullivan  
2020 K Street, NW  
Suite 350  
Washington, DC 20006

RE: MUR 1701  
Young Americans for Freedom, Inc.

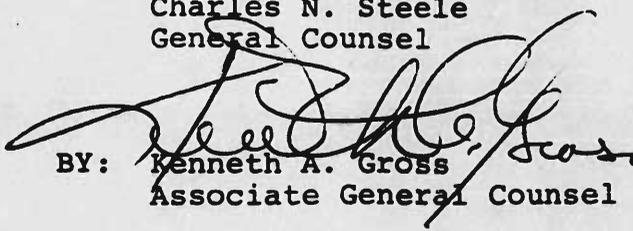
Dear Mr. Canter:

This is in reference to your letter dated June 26, 1984, requesting an extension of 10 days to respond to the Commission's receipt of a complaint. After considering the circumstances presented in your letter, the Commission has determined to grant you your requested extension. Accordingly, your response will be due on Tuesday, July 17, 1984.

If you have any questions, please contact Judy Thedford at (202) 523-4000.

Sincerely,

Charles N. Steele  
General Counsel

BY:   
Kenneth A. Gross  
Associate General Counsel

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

MEMORANDUM TO: CHARLES N. STEELE  
GENERAL COUNSEL

FROM: MARJORIE W. EMMONS/ SUSAN M. TEIRY *SMT*

DATE: JUNE 25, 1984

SUBJECT: MUR 1701 - FIRST GENERAL COUNSEL'S  
REPORT signed June 21, 1984

The above-named document was circulated to the Commission on a 24 hour no-objection basis at 2:00 on June 22, 1984.

There were no objections to the Report at the time of the deadline.

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION  
 WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

MEMORANDUM

TO: Office of the Commission Secretary  
 FROM: Office of General Counsel *Cit*  
 DATE: June 22, 1984  
 SUBJECT: MUR 1701 - First General Counsel's Report

The attached is submitted as an Agenda document  
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FIRST GENERAL COUNSEL'S REPORT

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MUR 1701

DATE COMPLAINT RECEIVED  
5/18/84

RESPONDENT 5/29/84

STAFF MEMBER Theodford

COMPLAINANT NAME: Carol C. Piper

RESPONDENTS' NAMES: Secretary John R. Block  
Young Americans for Freedom

RELEVANT STATUTE: 2 U.S.C. § 441d

INTERNAL REPORTS CHECKED: MUR 1707

FEDERAL AGENCIES CHECKED: None

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SUMMARY OF ALLEGATIONS

This matter arises from a complaint filed by Ms. Carol C. Piper on May 18, 1984, against Secretary of Agriculture John R. Block. The complaint alleges that "John R. Block has violated the Federal Election Campaign Act by exploiting his position as Secretary of Agriculture and by using the files of the Department to compile a mailing list of possible contributions for Young Americans for Freedom."

The complaint is based on Ms. Piper's knowledge of her husband's receipt of a solicitation sent over the signature of John R. Block on behalf of Young Americans for Freedom. The letter solicits its readers to send contributions of up to \$10,000 to the Young Americans for Freedom to enable that organization to "promote Ronald Reagan and his programs" in the upcoming 1984 presidential election. The letter, which appears

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to advocate President Reagan's re-election and which solicits contributions towards that end, does not reflect who paid for or authorized the communication.

The complainant contends that the Department of Agriculture is the source of the mailing list that was used for purposes of soliciting contributions on behalf of Young Americans for Freedom. According to the complainant, the Department of Agriculture got Mr. Piper's name several years ago when he requested the book Gardening for Food and Fun from the Department through his congressman, C.W. Bill Young (6th District, Florida).

To the extent that there is a question as to who paid for or authorized the solicitation -- i.e., the source of the mailing list -- a violation of 2 U.S.C. § 441d may be involved. As noted above, the questioned communication does not contain the disclaimer notice required by this section.

Currently, the matter is undergoing review by the Commission in MUR 1707 (formerly Pre-MUR 118), a matter which was referred to the Commission by the Justice Department. The same letter which was received by Mr. Piper, is the subject matter of MUR 1707. The Commission has found reason to believe that Young Americans for Freedom violated 2 U.S.C. § 441b(a) and 441d in connection with the distribution of the solicitation letter.

Secretary John R. Block has not been named as a respondent in MUR 1707.

The letters notifying the respondents of the filing of the complaint were mailed on May 29, 1984. On June 7, 1984, Deputy



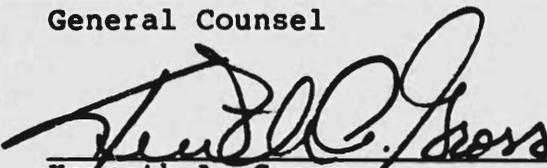
General Counsel W. Scott Burke of the U.S. Department of Agriculture submitted a letter requesting a ten day extension for Secretary Block to submit a reply to the complaint. The letter stated that the Secretary was out of the country and would not return until the following week. The Office of General Counsel granted the extension, therefore, the response is due July 5, 1984.

The letter sent to Young Americans for Freedom was returned to the Commission on June 11, 1984, for a "Better Address." The letter was re-sent to the respondent on June 13, 1984.

The Office of General Counsel will present a report with recommendations upon receipt and analysis of the responses from Secretary Block and Young Americans for Freedom.

Charles N. Steele  
General Counsel

June 21, 1984  
Date

  
By: Kenneth A. Gross  
Associate General Counsel

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Kenneth A. Gross, Esquire  
Associate General Counsel  
Federal Election Commission  
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Subject: MVR 1701

Dear Mr. Gross:

Thank you for your letter of June 15, 1984, stating that the response in the above-cited matter is due July 5, 1984.

I enclose Secretary Block's designation of counsel.

With thanks for your attention,

Very truly yours,

W. Scott Burke  
Deputy General Counsel

Enclosure

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STATEMENT OF DESIGNATION OF COUNSEL

MUR 1701

NAME OF COUNSEL: Daniel Oliver, Esquire; W. Scott Burke, Esquire

ADDRESS: Office of the General Counsel  
Room 2033 South Building  
U.S. Department of Agriculture  
14th & Independence Ave., N.W.  
Washington, DC 20250

TELEPHONE: (202) 447-3351, 447-2571

The above-named individual is hereby designated as my  
counsel and is authorized to receive any notifications and other  
communications from the Commission and to act on my behalf before  
the Commission.

JUN 19 1984

Date

John R. Block  
Signature

RESPONDENT'S NAME: John R. Block

ADDRESS: 4414 Lingan Road, N.W.

Washington, D. C. 20007

HOME PHONE: 202/333-4694

BUSINESS PHONE: 202/447-3631

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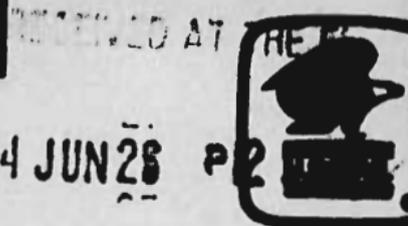
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STATEMENT OF DESIGNATION OF COUNSEL

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NAME OF COUNSEL:

ADDRESS:

**MACKENZIE CANTER, III**  
ATTORNEY AT LAW

TELEPHONE:

800 861-0740

CANTER, KENT & SULLIVAN  
9090 K STREET, N. W., SUITE 350  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20006

The above-named individual is hereby designated as my counsel and is authorized to receive any notifications and other communications from the Commission and to act on my behalf before the Commission.

6-19-84  
Date

*Richard C. Holt*  
Signature  
*Director of Operations*

RESPONDENT'S NAME:

Young Americans for Freedom, Inc.

ADDRESS:

Box 1002, Woodland Road

Sterling, Virginia 22170

HOME PHONE:

NA

BUSINESS PHONE:

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June 26, 1984

Judy Thedford, Esq.  
Staff Attorney  
Federal Election Commission  
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Re: MUR 1701

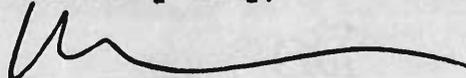
Dear Ms. Thedford:

I have enclosed the designation of counsel form with respect to MUR 1701. We serve as legal counsel to Young Americans for Freedom, Inc. My client received the complaint in this matter on Wednesday of last week and I did not receive a copy until Friday, June 22.

I therefore respectfully request that I be given ten (10) days from June 22 to respond and show why no action should be taken in this matter.

Thank you for your courtesy in this matter.

Yours very truly,



MacKenzie Canter, III

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Enclosure  
CC: Mr. Richard Hahn

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Judy Thedford, Esq.  
Staff Attorney

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

June 15, 1984

W. Scott Burke  
Deputy General Counsel  
Office of General Counsel  
United States Department  
Of Agriculture  
Washington, DC 20250

RE: MUR 1701  
(Secretary John H. Block)

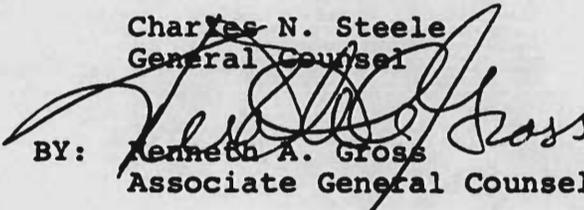
Dear Mr. Burke:

On June 12, 1984, a letter was forwarded to you granting a ten day extension in which to reply to the complaint filed in the above-referenced matter concerning Secretary Block. The letter incorrectly states that the response to the complaint is due June 18, 1984. The letter should state that the response is due July 5, 1984.

If you have any questions, please contact Judy Thedford at (202)523-4000.

Sincerely,

Charles N. Steele  
General Counsel

BY:   
Kenneth A. Gross  
Associate General Counsel

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June 7, 1984

Kenneth A. Gross, Esquire  
Associate General Counsel  
Federal Elections Commission  
Washington, D. C. 20250

Re: MUR 1701

Dear Mr. Gross:

The Office of Secretary Block received your letter dated May 29, 1984, on June 6, 1984. The Commission's rules require a response within 15 days of receipt of the letter.

Secretary Block and many of his staff aides are out of the country and will not return until sometime next week. Thus, in order to respond adequately to the letter, we need more time than that accorded under your rules. Thus, we respectfully request an additional ten days to respond.

Thank you for your consideration.

Very truly yours,

W. Scott Burke  
Deputy General Counsel

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

June 12, 1984

W. Scott Burke, Esquire  
Office of General Counsel  
United States Department  
of Agriculture  
Washington, D.C. 20250

Re: MUR 1701  
Secretary John R. Block

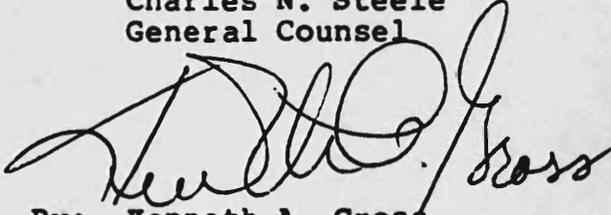
Dear Mr. Burke:

This is in reference to your letter dated June 7, 1984, requesting an extension of ten days to respond to the Commission's notice of a complaint filed in the above-referenced matter. After considering the circumstances presented in your letter, the Office of General Counsel has determined to grant you your requested extension. Accordingly, your response will be due on June 18, 1984.

If you have any questions, please contact Judy Thedford, the staff member assigned to this matter at (202)523-4000.

Sincerely,

Charles N. Steele  
General Counsel

  
By: Kenneth A. Gross  
Associate General Counsel

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Kenneth A. Gross, Esquire  
Associate General Counsel  
Federal Elections Commission  
Washington, D. C. 20250

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Thank you for your consideration.

Very truly yours,

W. Scott Burke  
Deputy General Counsel

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TO: Lois Lerner  
Beverly Kramer  
FROM: Ken Gross

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REMARKS:

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RE: MUR ~~1707~~

The Deputy General Counsel of the Department of Agriculture, Scott Burke, called me concerning the complaint against Secretary Block. He will be requesting a 10 day extension which I told him we would grant. Block is in Japan.

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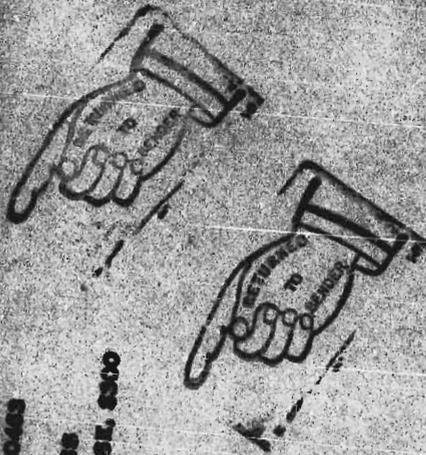
MEMORANDUM TO: The File  
FROM: Judy Thedford  
DATE: June 11, 1984  
SUBJECT: MUR 1701

Please re-mail the letter to Edward Lesley in  
the attached envelope.

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Edward Lesley  
National Director  
Young Americans for Freedom  
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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

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May 29, 1984

Carol C. Piper  
3934 - 14th Avenue North  
St. Petersburg, FL 33713

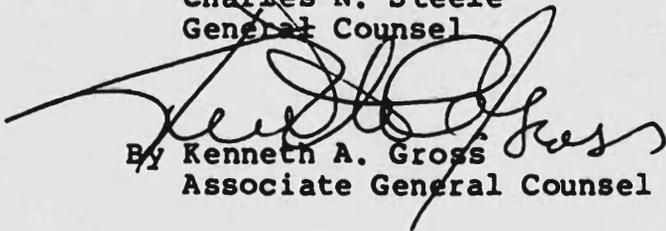
Dear Ms. Piper:

This letter is to acknowledge receipt of your complaint which we received on May 18, 1984, against Young Americans for Freedom and John R. Block, which alleges violations of the Federal Election Campaign laws. A staff member has been assigned to analyze your allegations. The respondents will be notified of this complaint within five days.

You will be notified as soon as the Commission takes final action on your complaint. Should you have or receive any additional information in this matter, please forward it to this office. We suggest that this information be sworn to in the same manner as your original complaint. For your information, we have attached a brief description of the Commission's procedure for handling complaints. If you have any questions, please contact Cheryl Thomas at (202) 523-4143.

Sincerely,

Charles N. Steele  
General Counsel

  
By Kenneth A. Gross  
Associate General Counsel

Enclosure

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

May 29, 1984

CERTIFIED MAIL  
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Honorable John R. Block  
Secretary  
United States Department of  
Agriculture  
Washington, D.C. 20250

Re: MUR 1701

Dear Mr. Secretary:

This letter is to notify you that on May 18, 1984 the Federal Election Commission received a complaint which alleges that John R. Block, may have violated certain sections of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended ("the Act"). A copy of the complaint is enclosed. We have numbered this matter MUR 1701. Please refer to this number in all future correspondence.

Under the Act, you have the opportunity to demonstrate, in writing, that no action should be taken against John R. Block, in connection with this matter. Your response must be submitted within 15 days of receipt of this letter. If no response is received within 15 days, the Commission may take further action based on the available information.

Please submit any factual or legal materials which you believe are relevant to the Commission's analysis of this matter. Where appropriate, statements should be submitted under oath.

This matter will remain confidential in accordance with 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(4)(B) and § 437g(a)(12)(A) unless you notify the Commission in writing that you wish the matter to be made public.

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Sincerely,

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

May 29, 1984

CERTIFIED MAIL  
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Edward Lesley  
National Director  
Young Americans for Freedom  
Woodland Road  
Washington, D.C. 20009

Re: MUR 1701

Dear Mr. Lesley:

This letter is to notify you that on May 18, 1984 the Federal Election Commission received a complaint which alleges that the Young Americans for Freedom, may have violated certain sections of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended ("the Act"). A copy of the complaint is enclosed. We have numbered this matter MUR 1701. Please refer to this number in all future correspondence.

Under the Act, you have the opportunity to demonstrate, in writing, that no action should be taken against the Young Americans for Freedom, in connection with this matter. Your response must be submitted within 15 days of receipt of this letter. If no response is received within 15 days, the Commission may take further action based on the available information.

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I have received the article described above.  
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To: Federal Election Commission  
1325 K Street N. W.  
Washington, D. C. 20463

Respondent: John R. Block, Secretary  
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14th and Independence Avenue S. W.  
Washington, D. C. 20250

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*Carol C. Piper*

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(Mrs. John R. Piper)

Letter submitted on April 25, 1984, with complaint  
Telephone Number of Carol C. Piper: 813-323-1092

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*Carol C Piper swore before me on May 16, 1984  
that this was truth to the best of her knowledge.*

*Lois H. Nangle  
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Notary Public, State of Florida at Large  
My Commission Expires MAR. 19, 1988

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