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**NATIONAL REPUBLICAN
CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEE**

October 12, 1988

Lawrence M. Noble, Esquire
General Counsel
Federal Election Commission
999 E Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20004

Dear Mr. Noble:

This Complaint, by the National Republican Congressional Committee ("Complainant"), 320 First Street, S.E., Washington, D.C. 20003, against George Sangmeister and the Sangmeister for Congress Committee (FEC ID # C00124036), 2455 Glenwood Avenue, Joliet, Illinois 60435, is filed with Exhibits with the Federal Election Commission ("FEC") pursuant to 2 U.S.C section 437g(a) of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended ("the Act").

George Sangmeister ("Sangmeister"), a candidate for the U.S. House of Representatives from Illinois' Fourth Congressional District, and the Sangmeister for Congress Committee (FEC ID # C00124036), Sangmeister's principal campaign committee ("the Sangmeister Committee"), have violated the Act by knowingly and willfully failing to register an authorized committee with the FEC; by failing to report the receipts and expenditures of the authorized committee; and by accepting illegal corporate contributions into the authorized committee.

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I. FACTS

In 1985, Sangmeister filed an Illinois State Board of Elections Form D-1, Statement of Purpose, establishing a campaign committee to support his candidacy for Lt. Governor of the State of Illinois. As a candidate for Lt. Governor, Sangmeister accepted contributions, including corporate contributions, into his campaign committee. (See, attached copy of Illinois State Board of Elections Form D-2 listing receipts and expenditures for Sangmeister's campaign for the period from 7/1/85 to 6/30/86; the report that established his surplus). In March of 1986, Sangmeister was defeated in the Democratic Primary for Lt. Governor.

On November 16, 1987, Sangmeister filed his Statement of Candidacy and Statement of Organization with the FEC. By perfecting such filings, Sangmeister became a federal candidate.

On July 27, 1988, Sangmeister filed his Illinois State Board of Elections Form D-2 for the period from 7/1/87 to 6/30/88. (A copy of the report is attached). A review of the Report reveals that expenditures were made from his state campaign committee at a time substantially after Sangmeister's state candidacy ended and at a time Sangmeister was a federal candidate.

However, in filing with the FEC Sangmeister failed to register his state campaign committee as an authorized committee.

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Sangmeister has also failed to report the receipts and expenditures of his state campaign committee. Finally, Sangmeister has accepted illegal corporate contributions through his state campaign committee, and used such illegal money to support his federal candidacy. The above cited activity represents three separate violations of the Act.

II. DISCUSSION

A. FAILURE TO REGISTER AN AUTHORIZED COMMITTEE

The Act provides that a candidate may designate additional political committees to serve as authorized committees of such candidate. Such authorization shall be in writing and filed with the principal campaign committee of the candidate; which in turn shall file such information with the FEC. (2 U.S.C. sections 432(e)(1) and 422(f)).

As indicated above, funds from Sangmeister's state campaign committee were used to support his federal candidacy. As such, it is by definition an authorized committee of the Sangmeister Committee. (2 U.S.C. section 431(6)). Therefore, Sangmeister and the Sangmeister Committee were required to register the state campaign committee as an authorized committee. Such failure to register represents a violation of the Act.

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B. FAILURE TO REPORT RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES
OF AN AUTHORIZED COMMITTEE

Each treasurer of a political committee shall file reports of receipts and disbursements with the FEC. (2 U.S.C. section 434(a)(1)). Additionally, each principal campaign committee shall consolidate in each report, those reports required to be filed with it. That is, such consolidated reports shall include: (1) Reports submitted to it by any authorized committees and (2) the principal campaign committee's own report. Such consolidated report shall be made on FEC Form 3-Z and shall be submitted with the reports of the principal campaign committee and with the reports, or applicable portions thereof, of the committees shown on the consolidated report. (11 C.F.R. section 104.3(f)).

As stated above, Sangmeister became a candidate on November 16, 1987 when he filed his Statement of Candidacy and Statement of Organization with the FEC. On January 29, 1988, the Sangmeister Committee filed their first report covering activity from November 14, 1987 to December 31, 1987. However, such Report failed to list the contributions received or the expenditures made by Sangmeister's state campaign committee in support of his federal candidacy. Such failure represents a violation of the Act.

C. ACCEPTANCE OF ILLEGAL CORPORATE CONTRIBUTIONS

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Corporate contributions are specifically prohibited by the Act.

It is unlawful for any national bank, or any corporation organized by authority of any law of Congress, to make a contribution or expenditure in connection with any election to any political office (2 U.S.C. section 441b(a)).

The prohibition applies whether the contribution is in the form of money, goods, or services. The prohibition applies whether the contribution is a direct contribution or an inkind contribution.

As discussed above, Sangmeister's state campaign committee received a number of contributions from corporations. Also as discussed above, the state campaign committee was used by Sangmeister to support his federal candidacy. As such, the state campaign committee, an authorized committee of the Sangmeister Committee, has accepted illegal corporate contributions in violation of the Act.

III. CONCLUSION

By knowingly and willfully failing to register an authorized committee with the FEC; by failing to report the receipts and expenditures of the authorized committee; and by accepting illegal corporate contributions into the authorized committee, George Sangmeister and the Sangmeister for Congress Committee have violated the Act.

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IV. PRAYER FOR RELIEF

Complainant requests that the FEC investigate these violations and enforce the Federal Election Campaign Act and the Commission's regulations.

Complainant further requests that the FEC seek the maximum fines for each violation as set forth in 2 U.S.C. section 437g, and take all steps necessary, including civil and injunctive action, to prevent respondents from continuing their illegal activity.

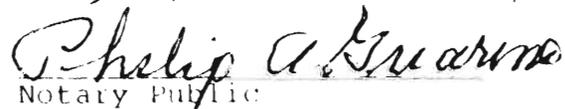
V. VERIFICATION

The undersigned swears that the allegations and facts set forth in this complaint are true to the best of his knowledge, information and belief.



Joseph R. Gaylord
Executive Director
National Republican
Congressional Committee
320 First Street, S.E.
Washington, D.C. 20003

Subscribed and sworn before me this 17 day of October, 1988.


Notary Public

My Commission Expires: _____

My Commission Expires June 14, 1991

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ITEM 4.	NAME OF POLITICAL COMMITTEE	REPORTING PERIOD	I.D. NO. <u>642</u>
	GEORGE E. SANGMEISTER	7/1/85 6/30/86 FROM THRU	FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

**SECTION B — EXPENDITURES: (Complete Part 7 and 8 for all Reports.
Complete entire section for Annual or Final Report.)**

Part 7	<u>Transfers out:</u> Itemize all (from Schedule B)	\$	<u>715.00</u>	(7)
Part 8	<u>Loans made:</u> a. Itemized (from Schedule B)	\$	<u>0.00</u>	(8a)
	b. Not itemized	\$	<u>0.00</u>	(8b)
Part 9	<u>Expenditures made on behalf of candidates, questions of public policy, personal services, salaries, reimbursed expenses, refunds and rebates, and those expenditures not otherwise reported:</u> a. Itemized (from Schedule B)	\$	<u>6,673.15</u>	(9a)
	b. Not itemized	\$	<u>2,094.66</u>	(9b)
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		\$	<u>9,482.81</u>	(Parts 7 thru 9)
Part 10	<u>In Kind Expenditures</u> (do not include in total expenditures): a. Itemized (from Schedule B)	\$	<u>None</u>	(10a)
	b. Not itemized	\$	<u>None</u>	(10b)
	Total In Kind Expenditures	\$	<u>None</u>	(10c)

SECTION C — DEBTS AND OBLIGATIONS: (Complete for Annual or Final Report Only)

Part 11	<u>Total Debts and Obligations:</u> a. Itemized (from Schedule C)	\$	<u>None</u>	(11a)
	b. Not itemized	\$	<u>None</u>	(11b)
	Total Debts and Obligations	\$	<u>None</u>	(11c)

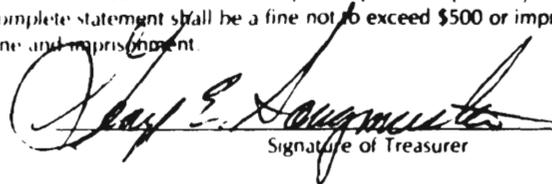
SECTION D — FUND BALANCES: (Complete for Annual or Final Report Only)

Funds available at beginning of fiscal year (See Item 2 reverse side)	\$	<u>582.80</u>	A.
Add total receipts (From Section A)	\$	<u>24,981.00</u>	B.
Subtotal	\$	<u>25,563.80</u>	C.
Subtract total expenditures (From Section B)	\$	<u>9,482.81</u>	D.
Total funds available at close of reporting period	\$	<u>16,080.99</u>	E.

VERIFICATION

I declare that this report of campaign contributions or this annual report of campaign contributions and expenditures (including any accompanying schedules and statements) has been examined by me and to the best of my knowledge and belief is a true, correct and complete report as required by Article 9 of THE ELECTION CODE. I understand that the penalty for willfully filing a false or incomplete statement shall be a fine not to exceed \$500 or imprisonment in a penal institution other than the penitentiary not to exceed 6 months, or both fine and imprisonment.

July 18, 1986
Date


Signature of Treasurer

The Illinois State Board of Elections is requesting disclosure of information that is necessary if you qualify as a political committee as outlined under Public Act 78-1181. Disclosure of this information is required. Failure to provide any information could result in a fine up to \$1,000. This form is in compliance with the Forms Management Program Act.

State Political Committees
Return To:
State Board of Elections
1020 South Spring Street
P.O. Box 4187
Springfield, Illinois 62708

Local Political Committees
Return To:
Appropriate County Clerk

State and Local Political
Committees: Original to State
Board of Elections and copy to
appropriate County Clerk

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**SCHEDULE A
ITEMIZED RECEIPTS**

INDIVIDUAL CONTRIBUTIONS, TRANSFERS, LOANS, SALES, COLLECTIONS, OTHER RECEIPTS
AND IN-KIND CONTRIBUTIONS.

NAME OF POLITICAL COMMITTEE	REPORTING PERIOD	I.D. NO.
GEORGE E. SANGMEISTER	7/1/85 <input type="checkbox"/> 6/30/86	642
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FULL NAME, MAILING ADDRESS, AND ZIP CODE	DATE RECEIVED	AMOUNT OF EACH RECEIPT THIS REPORTING PERIOD	AGGREGATE AMOUNT FOR THIS REPORTING PERIOD*
McKeown Law Firm 2455 Glenwood Ave. Joliet, IL 60435	10/10/85	350.00	
John & Marilyn Bird 563 Aberdeen Rd. Frankfort, IL 60423	10/10/85	200.00	
Material Service Corp. 300 W. Washington St. Chicago, IL 60606	10/8/85	250.00	
Illinois Railroad Association 300 E. Monroe St., Ste. 103 Springfield, IL 62701	11/20/85	250.00	
Meyer Material Co. 580 Wolf Rd., P.O. Box 129 Desplaines, IL 60017	11/5/85	200.00	
Anheuser-Busch Companies St. Louis, Mo.	10/5/85	150.00	
Boilmakers, LU #620 308 1/2 Liberty St. Morris, IL 60450	10/16/85	250.00	
Dr. Robert J. Kramer 3077 W. Jefferson St. Joliet, IL 60435	10/18/85	500.00	
Norfolk Southern Corp. One Commercial P. Norfolk, Va 23514	11/22/85	250.00	

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NAME OF POLITICAL COMMITTEE GEORGE E. SANGMEISTER	REPORTING PERIOD 7/1/85 <u> </u> 6/30/86 FROM THRU	I.D. NO. 642 FOR OFFICE USE ONLY
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HOPE 503 So. Grand Ave., West Springfield, IL 62704	11/5/85	500.00	
Township Officials of IL Campaign Fund 800 W. Central Rd., St. 104 Mount Prospect, IL 60056	11/5/85	25.00	
CNA Citizens f/Good State Government CNA Plaza Chicago, IL 60685	10/28/85	100.00	
Underground Contractors Assoc. PAC 8550 W. Bryn Mawr Ave. Chicago, IL 60631	10/16/85	100.00	
IL Architects PAC 802 Lincoln Tower Springfield, IL 62701	10/18/85	200.00	
IL Farm Equipment Pol Ed Comm P.O. Box 198 Peioria, IL 61650	10/18/85	100.00	
IL State Medical Society PAC 20 N. Michigan Ave., Ste. 700 Chicago, IL 60602	10/20/85	500.00	
IL Federation of Teachers, C.O.P.E. 528 S. Fifth St., St. 210 Springfield, IL 62701	10/25/85	150.00	
Citizen Responsibility Committee IL Bell Telephone Co. 255 W. Randolph Rm. 16F Chicago, IL 60606	10/25/85	100.00	

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Van Duyne f/Representative 806 Blackhawk Joliet, IL 60432	10/23/85	50.00	
IL Construction Industry PAC 228 N. LaSalle St., Ste 1414 Chicago, IL 60601	11/5/85	300.00	
AFSCME, IL 534 S. Second St. Springfield, IL 62701	10/11/85	200.00	
Associated Firefighters II, PAC 520 S. Second St., Apt. 1706 Springfield, IL 62701	10/20/85	200.00	
CUPAC-IL 2011 Swift Dr. Oak Brook, IL 60521	10/16/85 3/10/86	50.00 500.00	550.00
LICID P.O. Box 5120 Springfield, IL 62705	10/9/85	400.00	
IL Realtors PAC IL Realtors Plaza, Ste. 400 Springfield, IL 62703	10/25/85 3/11/86	250.00 500.00	750.00
USWA, IL Pol Ed Committee 950 W. 175th St., Suite 2NW Homewood, IL 60430	10/18/85	150.00	
Petroleum Pol. Ed. Comm. of IL P.O. Box 3662 Springfield, IL 62708	11/5/85	100.00	

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Electrical Workers, LU 176 PAC 1100 North I-55 E. Frontage Rd. Joliet, IL 60435	10/14/85	50.00	
IL Machinists Non-Partisan Pol Leag. 3010 Thomas Dillon Drive Joliet, IL 60436	10/31/85	200.00	
International Union of Operating Eng. PAC 6200 Joliet Road Countryside, IL 60525	10/7/85	100.00	
Steelworkers, District #31 Legislative & Ed Committee 310 N. Ottawa St. Joliet, IL 60432	10/17/85	100.00	
Will-Grundy Counties Central Trades & Labor Council-C.O.P.E. Fund P.O. Box 2878 Joliet, IL 60434	10/25/85	250.00	
Associated Beer Dist. of IL PAC 112 W. Edwards St. Springfield, IL 62704	10/28/85 3/10/86	200.00 500.00	700.00
IL Home Builders Pol Ed Committee P.O. Box 2904 Springfield, IL 62708	10/25/85	300.00	
I.P.A.C.E. P.O. Box 1481 Springfield, IL 62705	11/5/85	350.00	
IL Savings & Loan Pol Ed Comm. P.O. Box 5091 Springfield, IL 62705	10/18/85	100.00	

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IL Demo Party 134 N. LaSalle St., St. 2126 Chicago, IL 60602	9/11/85	Contr.		10.00	
Van Dyne f/Representative 806 Blackhawk St. Joliet, IL 60432	10/4/85	Tickets	VanDuyne	30.00	
Citizens to Elect Judith Little 278 Butternut Bolingbrook, IL 60439	10/22/85	Contrib.	J. Little	25.00	
Citizens to Elect Margie Gavin Woods 561 Dover Joliet, IL 60432	11/25/85	Tickets	M. Woods	20.00	
Project Vote 1405 N. Dearborn Chicago, IL 60610	11/29/85	Contr.	Proj. Vote	50.00	
Ikey Liker Sheriff Campaign 909 Ranchwood Shorewood, IL 60436	1/22/86	Tickets	Ikey Liker	35.00	
Re-Elect Cain Committee P.O. Box 2843 Joliet, IL 60435	2/17/86	Tickets	Chas. Cain	20.00	

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Diana Schmitt f/Cty.Clerk 1007 Country Dr. Shorewood, IL 60435	4/14/86	Contrib.	D. Schmitt	25.00	
Citizens f/Responsible Leadership Frankfort, IL 60423	4/22/86	Tickets		100.00	
Committee to Elect Democratic Senate Springfield, IL	5/22/86	Tickets		200.00	
Donnewald Testimonial Box 222 Springfield, IL 62705	6/2/86	Ticket	J. Donnewald	100.00	
IL Demo Victory Fund 17 N. State St., Ste. 1222 Chicago, IL 60602	6/10/86	Contrib.		25.00	
Tom Dunn f/Senate Campaign 57 N. Ottawa St. Joliet, IL 60431	6/23/86	Tickets	T. Dunn	75.00	

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Will County Historical Society Lockport, IL	8/16/85	Charit. Special Benefit	Will County Historical Society	150.00	160.00
	1/2/86	Contrib.		10.00	
Russ Cronholm Lockport, IL	10/20/85	Music f/ Fundraiser		225.00	
Earls Cafe W. Jefferson St. Joliet, IL 60435	10/22/85	Refreshments f/ Fundraiser		1,248.00	
Joliet Litho Print 423 N. Chicato St. Joliet, IL 60432	10/22/85	Printing	G. Sangmeister Campaign	373.65	795.65
	1/2/86	Tickets,		216.75	
	3/3/86	Invit. etc. f/Fund- Raiser;		205.25	
		Envelopes Station.			
Mokena Postmaster Mokena, IL 60448	11/29/85	Postage	G. Sangmeister Campaign	200.00	
Perma Graphic Printers 216A Marley Road New Lenox, IL 60451	11/29/85	Cards f/ Constit- uents		340.00	

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Ameritech 500 Waters Edge Suite 300 Lombard, IL 60148	1/2/86	Car Telephone Lease	G.Sangmeister Campaign	114.53	
	2/3/86	" Billing		48.95	
	2/19/86			114.53	
	3/7/86			37.32	
	3/24/86			114.53	
	4/8/86			76.62	
	4/22/86			114.53	
	5/7/86			53.22	
	6/6/86			27.41	
	6/17/86			229.06	930.70
The Camera House N. Larkin Ave. Joliet, IL 60435	2/12/86	Campaign Photos		200.00	430.00
	3/20/86			230.00	
McKeown Law Firm 2455 Glenwood Ave. Joliet, IL 60435	11/12/85	Reimburs. Postage	Sangmeister Campaign	175.00	239.72
	4/18/86	Reimburs. Telephone calls	"	64.72	
American Cancer Society New Lenox, IL	7/2/85	Charitable Contrib.		40.00	237.00
	3/24/86	"		150.00	
	5/28/86	"		33.00	
	5/30/86	"		14.00	
Lee Harris Palos Park, IL	3/12/86	Reimburs. f/Ad	Sangmeister Campaign	115.00	341.71
	4/14/86	"	"	187.11	
	5/30/86	Reimb. Lodging	"	39.60	

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Labor Record Newspaper P.O. Box 2878 Joliet, IL 60435	9/11/85 1/6/86	Ad "		75.00 75.00	150.00
Emma Bechler 656 N. Broadway St. Joliet, IL 60435	10/14/85 11/12/85	Reimburs. Ad Reimburs. Flowers, Misc.f/Fundraiser		117.00 35.00	152.00
George E. Sangmeister Rt. 4, Box 87 Mokena, IL 60448	3/7/86 4/4/86 4/4/86 5/30/86 1/31/86	Reimburse Miscell. Campaign Expenses		109.73 55.11 67.83 13.98 126.97	373.62
Joliet Country Club Joliet, IL	2/24/86	Food & Beverages f/Fundraiser		849.75	

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*Note: In Kind expenditures should be described on this form

TOTAL THIS PERIOD \$ 6,673.15
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FORM D-2
REPORT OF CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS
OR ANNUAL REPORT OF CAMPAIGN
CONTRIBUTIONS AND EXPENDITURES
OR STATEMENT OF NONPARTICIPATION
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Full name and complete mailing address of Political Committee

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 George E. Sangmeister
 Rt. 4, Box 87
 Mokena, IL 60448

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IDENTIFICATION NO.	AUDIT DIST.
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SEE ACCOMPANYING SHEET FOR INSTRUCTIONS

ITEM 1.	REPORTING PERIOD 7/1/87 FROM 6/30/88 THRU	ITEM 2.	Total funds available at beginning of the reporting period. 8,478.99
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REQUIRED REPORTS

Check One

- Pre Election Report (30-Day) Election Date _____
- Post Election Report (60-Day) Election Date _____
- Annual Report
- Final Report upon Dissolution or Termination.
- If this Form is used to amend previous Report of Campaign Contributions or Expenditures, give the date the previous Statement was prepared.
- Committee did not support or oppose any candidate(s) or question(s) of public policy for the following election:

SECTION A — RECEIPTS: (Complete for all reports)

Part 1	<u>Individual contributions:</u>		
	a. Itemized (from Schedule A)	\$ 0.00	(1a)
	b. Not itemized	\$ 0.00	(1b)
Part 2	<u>Transfers in:</u>		
	Itemize all (from Schedule A)	\$ 0.00	(2)
Part 3	<u>Loans received:</u>		
	a. Itemized (from Schedule A)	\$ 0.00	(3a)
	b. Not itemized	\$ 0.00	(3b)
Part 4	<u>Sale of tickets, mass collections and other sales:</u>		
	a. Itemized (from Schedule A)	\$ 0.00	(4a)
	b. Not itemized	\$ 0.00	(4b)
Part 5	<u>Other receipts</u> (including refunds & rebates) not otherwise listed in Parts 1-4:		
	a. Itemized (from Schedule A) .. (Interest & Transfer from previous acct.)	\$ 357.13	(5a)
	b. Not itemized	\$ 0.00	(5b)
	TOTAL RECEIPTS \$	<u>357.13</u>	
			(Parts 1 thru 5)
Part 6	<u>In Kind Contributions</u> (do not include in total receipts):		
	a. Itemized (from Schedule A)	\$ 0.00	(6a)
	b. Not itemized	\$ 0.00	(6b)
	Total In Kind Contributions	\$ 0.00	(6c)

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ITEM 4.	NAME OF POLITICAL COMMITTEE GEORGE E. SANGMEISTER	REPORTING PERIOD 7/1/87 16/30/88 FROM THRU	I.D. NO. <u>642</u> FOR OFFICE USE ONLY
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SECTION B — EXPENDITURES: (Complete Part 7 and 8 for all Reports. Complete entire section for Annual or Final Report.)

Part 7	<u>Transfers out:</u> Itemize all (from Schedule B)	\$ 5,155.00	(7)
Part 8	<u>Loans made:</u> a. Itemized (from Schedule B)	\$ 0.00	(8a)
	b. Not itemized	\$ 0.00	(8b)
Part 9	<u>Expenditures made on behalf of candidates, questions of public policy, personal services, salaries, reimbursed expenses, refunds and rebates, and those expenditures not otherwise reported:</u> a. Itemized (from Schedule B)	\$ 1,038.35	(9a)
	b. Not itemized	\$ 1,491.45	(9b)
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		\$ 7,684.80	(Parts 7 thru 9)
Part 10	<u>In Kind Expenditures</u> (do not include in total expenditures): a. Itemized (from Schedule B)	\$ 0.00	(10a)
	b. Not itemized	\$ 0.00	(10b)
	Total In Kind Expenditures	\$ 0.00	(10c)

SECTION C — DEBTS AND OBLIGATIONS: (Complete for Annual or Final Report Only)

Part 11	<u>Total Debts and Obligations:</u> a. Itemized (from Schedule C)	\$ 0.00	(11a)
	b. Not itemized	\$ 0.00	(11b)
	Total Debts and Obligations	\$ 0.00	(11c)

SECTION D — FUND BALANCES: (Complete for Annual or Final Report Only)

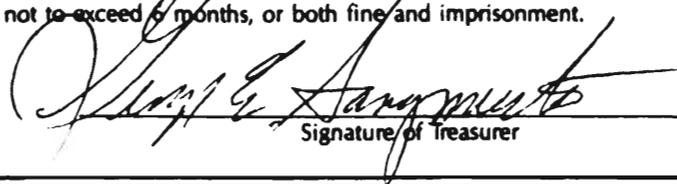
Funds available at beginning of fiscal year (See Item 2 reverse side)	\$ 8,478.99	A
Add total receipts (From Section A)	\$ 357.13	B
Subtotal	\$ 8,836.12	C
Subtract total expenditures (From Section B)	\$ 7,684.80	D
Total funds available at close of reporting period	\$ 1,151.32	E

VERIFICATION

I declare that this report of campaign contributions or this annual report of campaign contributions and expenditures (including any accompanying schedules and statements) has been examined by me and to the best of my knowledge and belief is a true, correct and complete report as required by Article 9 of THE ELECTION CODE. I understand that the penalty for willfully filing a false or incomplete statement shall be a fine not to exceed \$500 or imprisonment in a penal institution other than the penitentiary not to exceed 6 months, or both fine and imprisonment.

July 27, 1988

Date


Signature of Treasurer

The Illinois State Board of Elections is requesting disclosure of information that is necessary if you qualify as a political committee as outlined under Public Act 78-1183. Disclosure of this information is required. Failure to provide any information could result in a fine up to \$1,000. This form is in compliance with the Forms Management Program Act.

State Political Committees
Return To:
State Board of Elections
1020 South Spring Street
P.O. Box 4187
Springfield, Illinois 62708

Local Political Committees
Return To:
Appropriate County Clerk

State and Local Political Committees
Original To:
State Board of Elections
And Copy To:
Appropriate County Clerk

Name of Political Committee

GEORGE E. SANGMEISTER

Reporting Period

7/1/87 6/30/88
From Thru

I.D. No.

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B

ITEMIZED EXPENDITURES

Indicate the Part of Form D-2 being Itemized:

PART 7 - Transfers Out

PART 9 - Expenditures

PART 8 - Loans Made

PART 10 - In-kind Expenditures

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Full Name, Mailing Address, and Zip Code	Date of Expenditure	Purpose	Beneficiary	Amount of Each Expenditure this Reporting Period	Aggregate Amount for this Reporting Period
George Sangmeister 2455 Glenwood Ave. Joliet, IL 60435	11/2/87	Reimburse for Tickets	Bloom Twp. Demo Organ. Halstead St. Chicago Heights IL	50.00	50.00
Friends of Lane Evans P.O. Box 1222 Rock Island, IL 61204-1222	11/4/87	Contrib.		50.00	50.00
IL State AFL-CIO COPE 100 E. Washington, 2nd Flr. Springfield, IL 62701	11/9/87	Tickets		50.00	50.00
Citizens Comm. to Support County Executive Form of Government-Will County 417 Ohio Rd. Frankfort, IL 60423	1/14/88 3/8/88	Contrib. "		1,000.00 2,500.00	3,500.00
Fred Hayes Campaign Fund 42 Abbeywood Romeoville, IL 60441	2/24/88	Tickets		25.00	25.00
Committee to Elect Kennedy Circuit Judge 57 N. Ottawa St. Joliet, IL 60431	2/29/88	Tickets		30.00	30.00
IL Democratic Party 218 N. Jefferson St. Chicago, IL 60606	3/7/88 3/21/88	Tickets Subscription		250.00 10.00	260.00

*Note: In-kind expenditures should be described on this form.

TOTAL THIS PERIOD \$ _____
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Name of Political Committee

GEORGE E. SANGMEISTER

Reporting Period

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Full Name, Mailing Address, and Zip Code	Date of Expenditure	Purpose	Beneficiary	Amount of Each Expenditure this Reporting Period	Aggregate Amount for this Reporting Period
Rock Campaign Fund PO Box 5026 Springfield, IL 62705	4/11/88	Tickets		125.00	125.00
Joliet Township Democratic Organization Joliet, IL	5/9/88	Tickets		30.00	30.00
Citizens for Aurelia Pucinski 6204 N. Milwaukee Chicago, IL 60646	5/23/88	Tickets		100.00	100.00
Frankfort Township Demo Organization Frankfort, IL 60423	6/22/88	Tickets		120.00	120.00
Committee to elect Bruce Friefeld Box 126 Mokena, IL 60448	3/23/88	Tickets		30.00	30.00

*Note: In-kind expenditures should be described on this form.

TOTAL THIS PERIOD \$ 5,155.00
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Name of Political Committee

GEORGE E. SANGMEISTER

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ITEMIZED EXPENDITURES

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Full Name, Mailing Address, and Zip Code	Date of Expenditure	Purpose	Beneficiary	Amount of Each Expenditure this Reporting Period	Aggregate Amount for this Reporting Period
Internal Revenue Service Kansas City, MO	2/24/88	Income Tax on Interest		220.00	220.00
Will Grundy Counties Central Trades & Labor Council PO Box 2878 Joliet, IL 60434	2/26/88	Tickets		240.00	240.00
American Cancer Society Box 235 Frankfort, IL 60423	7/24/87 3/28/88 4/20/88	Contribution " "		35.35 200.00 50.00	285.35
Peter Weinberger 218 N. Jefferson Chicago, IL 60606	11/2/87	Travel Expense		293.00	293.00

*Note: In-kind expenditures should be described on this form.

TOTAL THIS PERIOD \$ 1,038.35
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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

October 14, 1988

FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

1100 ...
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RE: ...
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Dear ...

This letter is to advise you that on October 10, 1988, the Commission received a complaint which alleges that you, as Treasurer, of ... violated the provisions of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended, 52 USC 3001-3006, and the Commission is conducting an investigation of the matter.

Under the Act, you have the opportunity to demonstrate in writing that no action should be taken against you and appropriate for redress in this matter. Please submit any fact-based or legal materials which you believe are relevant to the Commission's analysis of this matter. Where appropriate, state-records should be submitted under oath. Your response, which should be addressed to the General Counsel's Office, must be submitted within 15 days of receipt of this letter. You are encouraged to respond to this notification promptly. In order to facilitate an expeditious response, we have enclosed a pre-addressed, postage paid, special delivery envelope. If no response is received within 15 days, the Commission may take further action based on the available information.

The complaint may be dismissed by the Commission prior to the receipt of your response if the evidence submitted does not indicate that a violation of the Act has been committed. Should the Commission dismiss the complaint, you will be notified by overnight express mail.

This matter will remain confidential in accordance with Section 4379(a)(4)(B) and Section 4379(a)(2)(A) of Title 2 unless you notify the Commission in writing that you wish the matter to be made public.

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If you intend to be represented by counsel in this matter, please advise the Commission by completing the enclosed form stating the name, address, and telephone number of such counsel, and authorizing such counsel to receive any notifications and other communications from the Commission.

If you have any questions, please contact Judybeth Greene at (202) 375-8200.

Sincerely,

Lawrence M. Moore
General Counsel

Lois G. Lerner

Lois G. Lerner
Assistant General Counsel

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

October 14, 1988

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SPECIAL DELIVERY

Joseph R. Baylond
Executive Director
National Republican
Congressional Committee
101 First Street, SE
Washington, DC 20003

RE: MLR 2701

Dear Mr. Baylond:

This letter acknowledges received on October 12, 1988, of your complaint against Sangmeister For Congress and James B. Harvey, as treasurer, and George E. Sangmeister alleging 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 24 hours. You will be notified as soon as the Commission takes final action on your complaint. For your information, we have attached a brief description of the Commission's procedures for handling complaints.

Please be advised that this matter shall remain confidential in accordance with 2 U.S.C. Section 437g(a)(4)(B) and 437g(a)(4)(A) unless the respondents notify the Commission in writing that they wish the matter to be made public.

Sincerely,

Lawrence M. Noble
General Counsel

Lois G. Lerner

By: Lois G. Lerner
Associate General Counsel

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20543

MEMORANDUM

TO:

LAWRENCE M. NOBLE
GENERAL COUNSEL

FROM:

MWE MARJORIE W. EMMONS/JOSHUA MCFADDEN *JM*

DATE:

OCTOBER 17, 1988

SUBJECT:

2721
General Counsel's Report
dated October 14, 1988

The above-captioned report was received in the
Secretariat at 3:02 p.m. on Friday, October 14, 1988
and circulated to the Commission on a 24-hour
no-objection basis on Friday, October 14,
1988.

There were no objections to the report.

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Washington, D.C. 20463

EXPEDITED FIRST GENERAL COUNSEL'S REPORT

MUR 2721

Staff Member: Judybeth Greene

COMPLAINANT: Joseph R. Gaylord, Executive Director
National Republican Congressional Committee

RESPONDENTS: George E. Sangmeister
Sangmeister for Congress and James B. Harvey,
as treasurer
George E. Sangmeister (state committee), and
George E. Sangmeister, as treasurer

SUMMARY OF ALLEGATIONS

Complainant contends that George E. Sangmeister and his principal campaign committee, Sangmeister for Congress, knowingly and willfully violated the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended ("the Act") by failing to register an authorized committee with the Commission, failing to report the receipts and expenditures of this authorized committee and by accepting illegal corporate contributions through this authorized but unregistered committee. Sangmeister is a candidate for the U.S. House of Representatives from the State of Illinois for the 1988 general election. Specifically, complainant contends that the state committee for Sangmeister's unsuccessful 1986 race for Lieutenant Governor, George E. Sangmeister¹ ("the state committee"), has been making expenditures in connection with Sangmeister's current campaign for Congress.

¹The candidate's name is the same as the name of the state political committee. He is also the treasurer of the state political committee.

PRELIMINARY LEGAL ANALYSIS

Pursuant to 2 U.S.C. § 432(e), a candidate for Federal office must designate a political committee to serve as his or her principal campaign committee. The candidate may also designate additional political committees to serve as authorized committees. Such designation must be in writing and filed with the principal campaign committee.

The Act requires that all authorized committees report their receipts and disbursements to the candidate's principal campaign committee, which, in turn, must file such reports, statements and designations with the Commission. 2 U.S.C. § 432(f). The Act also requires that the treasurer of every political committee file reports of its receipts and disbursements pursuant to 2 U.S.C. § 434(a).

The essence of the complaint is that Sangmeister's state committee has become an authorized committee by making expenditures to assist Sangmeister's campaign for Congress. However, a review of the state committee's annual report reveals only one possible campaign-related expenditure - \$293 for Peter Weinberger's travel expenses. It is not known at this point whether Weinberger even worked for Sangmeister for Congress or whether his travel was campaign-related. Moreover, it should be noted that this payment for travel expenses was made on November 2, 1987, two weeks before Sangmeister filed a statement of candidacy with the Commission and there were no salary payments to Weinberger in any of Sangmeister for Congress reports. The only payment made by Sangmeister for Congress to

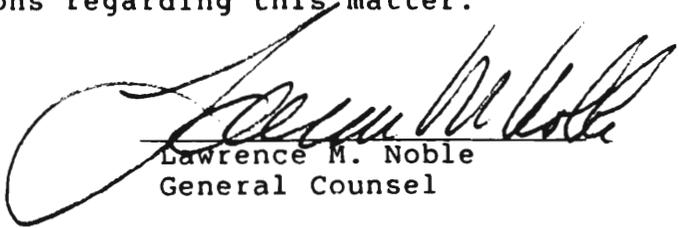
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Weinberger was for \$46.08 in office supplies on December 12, 1987. With the exception of a \$50 contribution to a federal committee, Friends of Lane Evans Committee², on November 4, 1987, the remainder of the payments by the state committee went to local organizations and the Internal Revenue Service.

A response from George Sangmeister and Sangmeister for Congress is necessary to make a determination regarding a possible violation of 2 U.S.C. § 432(f). It is also possible that even if the state committee was not an authorized committee, the Committee may have had an obligation to report the receipt of an in-kind contribution pursuant to 2 U.S.C. § 434(b) if the payment of Weinberger's travel expenses was campaign related. The complainant's allegations that the state committee's treasury contained corporate funds also raises the potential for a 2 U.S.C. § 441b violation if the aforementioned payment was campaign-related. Therefore, because it is not immediately clear whether Sangmeister for Congress received any contributions from the state committee, the Respondents must be given the opportunity to respond before the Office of General Counsel can make recommendations regarding this matter.

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Date

10/14/88


Lawrence M. Noble
General Counsel

² Lane Evans is a candidate for the U.S. House of Representatives from the State of Illinois for the 1988 general election.

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SANGMEISTER

FOR U.S. CONGRESS • FOURTH DISTRICT

2455 Glenwood Ave., Joliet, IL 60435 815-729-4800

931 W. Jefferson St., Joliet, IL 60435 815-726-1988

October 28, 1988

Federal Election Commission
999 E St. N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20463

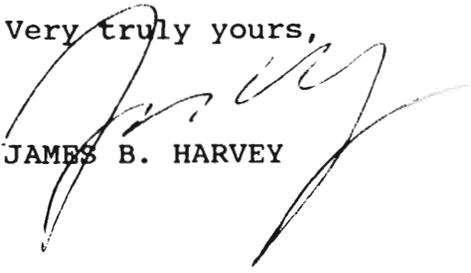
Attention: Lawrence M. Noble
General Counsel

Re: MUR 2721
Sangmeister for Congress
James B. Harvey, Treas.

Dear Mr. Noble:

As Treasurer for the Sangmeister for Congress Committee I have never had any knowledge or held any position regarding Mr. Sangmeister's candidacy for Lieutenant Governor of the State of Illinois. Similarly, as Treasurer for the Sangmeister for Congress Committee I would have no knowledge regarding any funds from Mr. Sangmeister's state campaign committee which were used to support his Federal candidacy.

It also appears that the complainant in this case also has no knowledge of any funds used by the Sangmeister State Committee to support the Federal Candidacy other than the boot strap logic that since in March of 1986, Mr. Sangmeister was defeated in the Democratic primary for Lieutenant Governor that any expenditures made after said date were used to support his Federal Candidacy. Obviously if the complainant has specific knowledge regarding any expenditures made by Mr. Sangmeister to support his Federal Candidacy such allegations should be specifically made and specifically made under oath as required by the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971.

Very truly yours,

JAMES B. HARVEY

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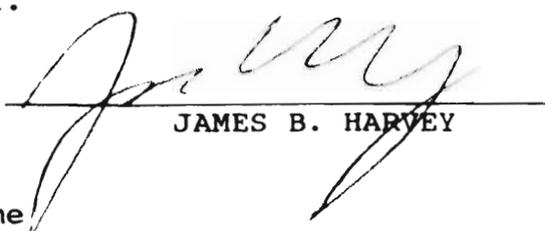
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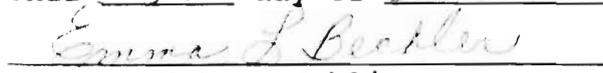
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The undersigned, being first duly sworn upon oath states that the above statements, subscribed by him are true, to the best of his knowledge and belief.



JAMES B. HARVEY

Subscribed and Sworn to before me
this 23rd day of October, 1988.



Notary Public

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999 E Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20463

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FIRST GENERAL COUNSEL'S REPORT

MUR # 2721
DATE COMPLAINT RECEIVED
BY OGC: October 12, 1988
DATE OF NOTIFICATION TO
RESPONDENTS: October 14, 1988
STAFF MEMBER: Judybeth Greene

COMPLAINANT: Joseph R. Gaylord, Executive Director
National Republican Congressional Committee

RESPONDENTS: Sangmeister for Congress and James B. Harvey,
as treasurer
George E. Sangmeister (state committee), and
George E. Sangmeister, as treasurer
George E. Sangmeister

RELEVANT STATUTES: 2 U.S.C. § 432(e)
2 U.S.C. § 432(f)
2 U.S.C. § 434(a)
2 U.S.C. § 434(b)(3)(8)
2 U.S.C. § 441b

INTERNAL REPORTS CHECKED: Public Records

FEDERAL AGENCIES CHECKED: None

I. GENERATION OF MATTER

On October 12, 1988, the National Republican Congressional Committee filed a complaint alleging violations of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended ("the Act") by George E. Sangmeister and his federal and state committees. Respondents were notified of the complaint on October 14, 1988, and an Expedited General Counsel's Report was circulated on the same date. Sangmeister for Congress submitted a response to the complaint on November 7, 1988.

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II. FACTUAL AND LEGAL ANALYSIS

A. FACTUAL BACKGROUND

Complainant contends that George E. Sangmeister¹ and his principal campaign committee, Sangmeister for Congress, knowingly and willfully violated the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended ("the Act") by failing to register an authorized committee with the Commission, failing to report the receipts and expenditures of this authorized committee and by accepting illegal corporate contributions through this authorized but unregistered committee. Specifically, complainant contends that the state committee for Sangmeister's unsuccessful 1986 race for Lieutenant Governor, George E. Sangmeister² ("the state committee"), has been making expenditures in connection with Sangmeister's 1988 congressional campaign.

The treasurer of Sangmeister for Congress, James Harvey, submitted a signed and sworn statement in response to the complaint stating that he has no knowledge regarding any funds from the state committee which were used to support Sangmeister's federal candidacy. He further challenges the complainant to specifically identify any expenditures which he believes were made to assist Sangmeister's campaign for Congress.

A review of the state committee's annual report covering the

1. Sangmeister was the Democratic candidate for the U.S. House of Representatives from the State of Illinois in the 1988 general election.

2. The candidate's name is the same as the name of the state political committee. He is also the treasurer of the state political committee.

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candidacy ended, at a time when he was a federal candidate, these expenditures must have been made in connection with Sangmeister's federal candidacy.

As stated above, a review of the state committee's records only indicates one \$293 payment which may have been related to Sangmeister's candidacy for Congress. Even assuming that this payment was for travel expenses related to Sangmeister's federal candidacy, the making of such an expenditure would not, by itself, make the state committee an authorized committee of Sangmeister for Congress.

If the state committee did in fact make an in-kind contribution to Sangmeister for Congress, the Committee would have had an obligation to report it pursuant to 2 U.S.C. § 434(b)(3)(B). However, the complainant has not presented sufficient evidence to support such a finding. Although it is possible that the payment of Weinberger's travel expenses was related to Sangmeister's congressional campaign, the complainant has made no specific allegation to that effect and the Committee has submitted a categorical denial. Therefore, this Office recommends that the Commission find no reason to believe that Sangmeister for Congress and James B. Harvey, as treasurer, violated any statute within the Commission's jurisdiction in connection with this complaint. This Office also recommends that the Commission find no reason to believe that George Sangmeister (state committee) and George Sangmeister, as treasurer, violated any statute within the Commission's jurisdiction with respect to this complaint.

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As there is no obligation on the part of a candidate to designate any particular committee as an authorized committee beyond the designation of a principal campaign committee and there is no specific evidence that the state committee was making expenditures in connection with Sangmeister's federal candidacy, this Office also recommends that the Commission find no reason to believe that George E. Sangmeister violated any statute within the Commission's jurisdiction in connection with this complaint.

III. RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Find no reason to believe that Sangmeister for Congress and James B. Harvey, as treasurer, violated any provision of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended, on the basis of the complaint filed in MUR 2721.
2. Find no reason to believe that George Sangmeister (state committee) and George Sangmeister, as treasurer, violated any provision of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended, on the basis of the complaint filed in MUR 2721.
3. Find no reason to believe that George E. Sangmeister violated any provision of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended, on the basis of the complaint filed in MUR 2721.
4. Approve the attached letters.
5. Close the file.

Lawrence M. Noble
General Counsel

1-10-89
Date

BY: 
Lois G. Lerner
Associate General Counsel

Attachments

1. Response
2. Letter to Complainant
3. Letters to Respondents

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

DATE & TIME TRANSMITTED: Wed., Jan. 11, 1989 11:00

COMMISSIONER: AIKENS, ELLIOTT, JOSEFIAR, McDONALD, MCGARRY, THOMAS

RETURN TO COMMISSION SECRETARY BY Fri., Jan. 13, 1989 11:00

SUBJECT: MUR 2721 - First General Counsel's Report
Signed January 10, 1989.

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- I approve the recommendation
- I object to the recommendation

COMMENTS: whether a committee is "authorized" would depend on the facts. One
factor would be whether the candidate had notified the p/c/c in
writing pursuant to 2 U.S.C. § 432(e). In "authorized" committee
is just one type of "affiliated" committee. See 11 C.F.R. § 100.5 (f)(1)

DATE: 1/13/89 SIGNATURE Jeff Thomas

A DEFINITE VOTE IS REQUIRED. ALL BALLOTS MUST BE SIGNED AND DATED.
PLEASE RETURN ONLY THE BALLOT TO THE COMMISSION SECRETARY.
PLEASE RETURN BALLOT NO LATER THAN DATE AND TIME SHOWN ABOVE.

BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

In the Matter of)
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Sangmeister for Congress and James B.) MUR 2721
Harvey, as treasurer)
George E. Sangmeister (state committee),)
and George E. Sangmeister, as treasurer)
George E. Sangmeister)

CERTIFICATION

I, Marjorie W. Emmons, Secretary of the Federal Election Commission, do hereby certify that on January 13, 1989, the Commission decided by a vote of 6-0 to take the following actions in MUR 2721:

1. Find no reason to believe that Sangmeister for Congress and James B. Harvey, as treasurer, violated any provision of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended, on the basis of the complaint filed in MUR 2721.
2. Find no reason to believe that George Sangmeister (state committee) and George Sangmeister, as treasurer, violated any provision of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended, on the basis of the complaint filed in MUR 2721.
3. Find no reason to believe that George E. Sangmeister violated any provision of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended, on the basis of the complaint filed in MUR 2721.
4. Approve the letters, as recommended in the First General Counsel's report signed January 10, 1989.

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5. Close the file.

Commissioners Aikens, Elliott, Josefiak, McDonald,
McGarry, and Thomas voted affirmatively for the decision.

Attest:

Jan. 13, 1989
Date

Marjorie W. Emmons
Marjorie W. Emmons
Secretary of the Commission

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20461

January 23, 1989

George E. Sangmeister
Rt. 4, Box 87
Mokena, Illinois 60448

RE: MUR 2721
George E. Sangmeister

Dear Mr. Sangmeister:

On October 14, 1988, the Federal Election Commission notified you of a complaint alleging violations of certain sections of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended ("the Act").

On January 13, 1989, the Commission found, on the basis of the information in the complaint, that there is no reason to believe that you violated any provisions of the Act on the basis of the complaint filed in MUR 2721. Accordingly, the Commission closed its file in this matter.

This matter will become a part of the public record within 30 days. If you wish to submit any materials to appear on the public record, please do so within ten days. Please send such materials to the Office of the General Counsel.

Sincerely,

Lawrence M. Noble
General Counsel

BY: Lois G. Lerner
Associate General Counsel

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

WASHINGTON D.C. 20461

January 23, 1989

George E. Sangmeister, Treasurer
George E. Sangmeister
Rt. 4, Box 87
Mokena, Illinois 60448

RE: MUR 2721
George E. Sangmeister
and George E. Sangmeister,
as treasurer

Dear Mr. Sangmeister:

On October 14, 1988, the Federal Election Commission notified George E. Sangmeister ("the Committee") and you, as treasurer, of a complaint alleging violations of certain sections of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended ("the Act").

On January 13, 1989, the Commission found, on the basis of the information in the complaint, and information provided by you, that there is no reason to believe the Committee and you, as treasurer, violated any provisions of the Act on the basis of the complaint filed in MUR 2721. Accordingly, the Commission closed its file in this matter.

This matter will become a part of the public record within 30 days. If you wish to submit any materials to appear on the public record, please do so within ten days. Please send such materials to the Office of the General Counsel.

Sincerely,

Lawrence M. Noble
General Counsel

BY: Lois G. Lerner
Associate General Counsel

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

WASHINGTON DC 20461

January 23, 1989

James B. Harvey, Treasurer
Sangmeister for Congress
2455 Glenwood Avenue
Joliet, Illinois 60435

RE: MUR 2721
Sangmeister for Congress
and James B. Harvey, as
treasurer

Dear Mr. Harvey:

On October 14, 1988, the Federal Election Commission notified Sangmeister for Congress ("the Committee") and you, as treasurer, of a complaint alleging violations of certain sections of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended ("the Act").

On January 13, 1989, the Commission found, on the basis of the information in the complaint, and information provided by you, that there is no reason to believe Sangmeister for Congress and you, as treasurer, violated any provisions of the Act on the basis of the complaint filed in MUR 2721. Accordingly, the Commission closed its file in this matter.

This matter will become a part of the public record within 30 days. If you wish to submit any materials to appear on the public record, please do so within ten days. Please send such materials to the Office of the General Counsel.

Sincerely,

Lawrence M. Noble
General Counsel

BY: 
Lois G. Lerner
Associate General Counsel

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WASHINGTON D.C. 20463

January 23, 1989

CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Joseph R. Gaylord, Executive Director
National Republican Congressional Committee
320 First Street, S.E.
Washington, D.C. 20003

RE: MUR 2721

Dear Mr. Gaylord:

On January 13, 1989, the Federal Election Commission reviewed the allegations of your complaint dated October 12, 1988, and found that on the basis of the information provided in your complaint, and information provided by Sangmeister for Congress, there is no reason to believe George E. Sangmeister, Sangmeister for Congress and James B. Harvey, as treasurer, and George E. Sangmeister (state committee) and George E. Sangmeister, as treasurer, violated any provisions of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended ("the Act") on the basis of the complaint filed in MUR 2721. Accordingly, on January 13, 1989, the Commission closed the file in this matter. The Act allows a complainant to seek judicial review of the Commission's dismissal of this action. See 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(8).

Sincerely,

Lawrence M. Noble
General Counsel

BY: Lois G. Lerner
Associate General Counsel

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