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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

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THE HONORABLE JAMES C. WRIGHT, JR.
1236 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D. C. 20515,

and

JOHN McMILLAN,
BOB BOLAN,
GEORGE ANN CARTER,
L.B. GEORGE,
JAMES LEGGETT,
VIOLA PITTS,
GORDON APPLEMAN,
TAYLOR GANDY,
JERRY MURAD,
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ROGER WILLIAMS,
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KEITH KAHLE,
GEORGE MALLICK,
PERRY R. BASS,
JERRY BAWCOM,
FELIX ANKELE,
KAY DAY,
THOMAS H. LAW,
JOHN BLINN,
JIM NICHOLS,
Collectively Doing Business As:
THANKS JIM HOST COMMITTEE
Suite 320
100 E. 15th
Fort Worth, Texas 76102

and

Numerous Individual and
Corporate Contributors to
the Jim Wright Salute Fund,

Respondents.

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**COMPLAINT
OF
CONSERVATIVE CAMPAIGN FUND**

THIS COMPLAINT is filed with the Federal Election Commission, pursuant to 2 U.S.C. §437g(a)(1), by CONSERVATIVE CAMPAIGN FUND, a political committee as described in 2 U.S.C. §431(4)(A), having its offices and principal place of business at 1156 15th Street, N.W., Suite 500, Washington, D. C., 20005, which believes that Respondents may have violated numerous provisions of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended, 2 U.S.C. §§431 et seq., in planning, coordinating, funding and conducting the "Thanks Jim" salute on Tuesday, October 11, 1988 in Fort Worth, Texas.

The Respondents in this matter are (1) The Honorable James C. Wright, Jr., 1236 Longworth House Office Building, Washington, D. C., 20515, who, on October 11, 1988, was a candidate for election to the Congress of the United States from the Twelfth Congressional District of the State of Texas; (2) John McMillan, Bob Bolan, George Ann Carter, L.B. George, James Leggett, Viola Pitts, Gordon Appleman, Taylor Gandy, Jerry Murad, Gene Wood, Roger Williams, Max Eubank, Marvin Gearhart, Rudy Pulido, Vernell Sterns, Louis Zapata, Keith Kahle, George Mallick, Perry R. Bass, Jerry Bawcom, Felix Ankele, Kay Day, Thomas H. Law, John Blinn and Jim Nichols, who served as the General Chairman and Co-Chairs of an enterprise known as "Thanks Jim Host Committee," see Exhibit A annexed

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hereto and made a part hereof, (all of whom together are hereinafter referred to as "the Committee"), having its offices at Suite 320, 100 E. 15th, Fort Worth, Texas, 76102, see Exhibit B annexed hereto and made a part hereof; and, (3) the numerous individuals and corporations, not presently identifiable, who and which contributed funds, goods and services to the Jim Wright Salute Fund, which, upon information and belief, was organized, maintained and controlled by the Committee.

Upon information and belief, the Committee planned, coordinated, funded and conducted an event known alternatively as the "Thanks Jim" salute, or the Jim Wright Salute, on Tuesday, October 11, 1988, at the Will Rogers Coliseum in Fort Worth, Texas. Copies of the original invitation to the event and of the subsequent announcement of the change of date of the event appear at Exhibit C annexed hereto and made a part hereof. The following statement appears at the foot of the invitation:

"All costs associated with this event are being paid by contributions to the Jim Wright Salute Fund, 100 E. 15th, Suite 320, Fort Worth, Texas 76102"

The address of the Jim Wright Salute Fund is identical to that of "Thanks Jim," a/k/a Jim Wright Salute. See, Exhibit B. Upon information and belief, copies of the original invitation and of the subsequent change of date announcement were mailed to the general public.

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It was reported in The Washington Post and other newspapers, see Exhibit D annexed hereto and made a part hereof, that TEN THOUSAND (10,000) people attended the event on October 11, 1988. No admission fee was charged and the attendees were provided free food, beverages and entertainment. The event, which Rep. Claude Pepper reportedly said "would have made Julius Caesar proud," included a speech by Rep. Wright, speeches by various elected officials in support of Rep. Wright and a specially produced 17-minute video of Rep. Wright's achievements for the Twelfth Congressional District of the State of Texas.

"Thanks Jim" was held twenty-eight days before the date of the 1988 general election. It is evident, beyond a reasonable doubt, that "Thanks Jim" was a traditional campaign rally. A "ya'll come" to a free Texas barbeque, held in a coliseum in a candidate's home district within a month of election day, complete with political speeches of praise and adulation, cannot be camouflaged as being anything but a campaign event. However, there is no evidence that this campaign rally for The Honorable James C. Wright, Jr. was paid for with funds solicited, expended and reported as required by the Federal Election Campaign Act. Accordingly, Conservative Campaign Fund calls upon the Federal Election Commission to commence a thorough and comprehensive investigation of the event, its sponsors and its contributors and to audit the Jim Wright Salute Fund. This investigation and audit should reveal

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that:

(1) The Thanks Jim Host Committee, or the Jim Wright Salute Fund, was a political committee which failed to file a Statement of Organization in violation of 2 U.S.C. §433;

(2) The Thanks Jim Host Committee, or the Jim Wright Salute Fund, failed to file reports of receipts and disbursements in violation of 2 U.S.C. §434;

(3) James C. Wright, Jr. failed to designate in writing that the Thanks Jim Host Committee, or the Jim Wright Salute Fund, was an authorized committee of candidate Wright in violation of 2 U.S.C. §432(e)(1);

(4) Contributors to the Jim Wright Salute Fund and to the principal campaign committee of James C. Wright, Jr. made excessive contributions in violation of 2 U.S.C. §441a(a);

(5) Corporations and labor unions

which contributed funds, goods and services to the Thanks Jim Host Committee, or to the Jim Wright Salute Fund, did so in violation of 2 U.S.C. §441b(a);

(6) The Thanks Jim Host Committee failed to include in its invitations and other communications the statements mandated in 2 U.S.C. 441d(a);

(7) James C. Wright, Jr. knowingly accepted contributions in violation of the provisions of 2 U.S.C. §441a; and,

(8) The Respondents knowingly and willfully conspired to violate, and did violate, the provisions of the Federal Election Campaign Act involving the making, receiving and reporting of contributions and expenditures aggregating \$2,000.00 or more during a calendar year. 2 U.S.C. §437g(d)(1)(A).

A conclusion that "Thanks Jim" was not sponsored and conducted to influence the election, or that the event did not influence the election, of James C. Wright, Jr. would be

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scandalous and would made a mockery of the Federal Election Campaign Act and of the Federal Election Commission.

This Complaint is executed by Conservative Campaign fund under penalty of perjury and subject to the provisions of section 1001 of title 18, United States Code.

CONSERVATIVE CAMPAIGN FUND

By: *Peter T. Flaherty*
Peter T. Flaherty, Chairman

By: *Kenneth F. Boehm*
Kenneth F. Boehm, Treasurer

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA)
CITY OF WASHINGTON) to-wit:

Sworn to before, a Notary Public,
this 3rd day of ~~December~~, 1988.
JANUARY 1989

Harold Constancy
Notary Public

My Commission Expires: My Commission Expires April 14, 1989.

Thanks
JIM

Host Committee

John McMillan, General Chairman

Co-Chairs

Mayor Bob Rolan
George Ann Carter
Rev. L. B. George
James Lettgett
Viola Pitts
Gordon Appleman
Taylor Gandy
Jerry Murad
Dr. Gene Wood
Roger Williams
Max Fuhank
Marvin Gearhart

Rudy Pulido
Vernell Sturns
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Keith Kahle
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Kay Day
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Mayor Thomas M. Holland
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Barbara McMahon
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Ignacio Rella
Francis B. Gould
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Forrest E. Armstrong
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Mary Joe Berry
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Billie and Earle Parker
State Sen. Hugh
and Evelyn Farmer
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E. Claude Manning
Charlie Martinez, Jr.
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Mr. and Mrs. Tommie McGee
Mrs. Harry G. (Edith) Miller
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Dr. Francine "Reese"
Morrison, D.D., D.S.M.
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Odie Cowart
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William A. Hodges
Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Dunkelberg
Mr. Joe H. (Gene) Edson
Billy C. Blair
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W. J. Ferguson
William R. Courtney
R. J. Smolles Dairy
Roger L. Vandell
Eric Hyden
T. (Gib) Gillespie
James C. Wright III

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Fort Worth, Texas 76102

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Fort Worth, Texas ~~_____~~

IMPORTANT: Date change on "Thanks, Jim" event.



You are invited to attend a memorable evening of fun and fellowship to show Jim how much we appreciate his continuous hard work and loyalty to us.

Join us for this historic occasion and show the world that we are proud of all the many things that Jim has done for us out of his love for his fellow Texans, his hometown and his strong sense of duty to represent us and our interests to the very best of his abilities.

Will Rogers Coliseum

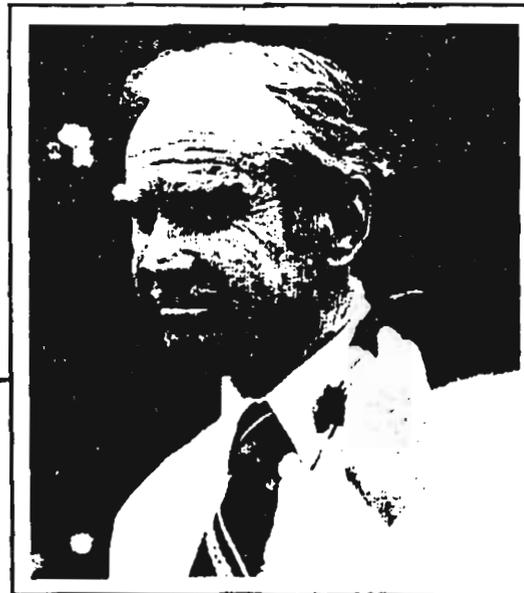
Friday, September 23, 1988

Dinner at 6:30 p.m.

Be our guest for dinner at this free event. Dinner service begins at 6:30 p.m. and the program with entertainment, special guests, and other surprises begins at 7:30 p.m.

Dress casual.

Let us count on you to be there by returning the enclosed reply card immediately.



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**We've Made a Change from Sept. 23
to Oct. 11 at Will Rogers Coliseum.**

Please mark your calendars for Tuesday, October 11, for the "Thanks, Jim" salute to honor our U.S. House Speaker Jim Wright. Although the invitation you received had a different date, everything else is the same.

TIME: Dinner service at 6:30 p.m. and program at 7:30 p.m.

PLACE: Will Rogers Coliseum

DATE: Tuesday, October 11, 1988

Due to the press of business in the U.S. Congress, Jim was unable to be in Fort Worth on our original date of September 23. By rescheduling the event, we were able to accommodate a group of Jim's colleagues and also New York Gov. Mario Cuomo, who have personally asked to be with us to help say "Thanks, Jim."

We look forward to seeing you on Tuesday, October 11, at 6:30 p.m.

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LETTER FROM TEXAS

For the Speaker, Adulation Soothes the Sting of a Probe

FORT WORTH

Rep. Claude Pepper (D-Fla.), who knows something about political adulation, called it an event that "would have made Julius Caesar proud."

Although embattled House Speaker Jim Wright (D-Tex.) did not arrive by chariot at Will Rogers Coliseum for his home town's salute to him Tuesday night, the 10,000 enthusiastic people who came to honor him probably would not have minded much if he had.

For Wright, the well-scripted "Thanks Jim" party—complete with 17-minute video and a half-hour tub-thumping appreciation by New York Gov. Mario M. Cuomo—may not have erased memories of the battering he has taken in Washington this year. But it no doubt took some of the sting out of it.

He flew here aboard a plush jet provided by the Coastal Corp. Wright paid, although some other House members rode free in return for attending a breakfast briefing by company officials. En route Wright said the larger-than-usual annual tribute showed his constituents are fed up with all the partisan charges.

"People at home resent the hell out of it," Wright said. "Maybe what they are doing is rallying around the flag and saying 'Jim, you are one of us.'"

Yet, even here in the city he has represented in Congress for 34 years, Wright could not completely escape the ethics inquiries and partisan wrangling that have sometimes marred his first term as speaker.

A couple of lonely protesters strung a banner out front calling for his indictment. And Wright briefly called attention to the controversies in a homecoming address that otherwise was a gracious thank-you to his constituents and a call for the United States to do better for its least fortunate citizens.

His political foes, Wright said, have responded to his quest for peace in Central America "with sneak attacks upon my integrity, with inaccurate leaks of the most personal kind to news journals, with a concerted effort to destroy my credibility as a person and my effectiveness as a leader."

It was a pointed reminder that the House ethics committee, at the urging of Republicans, is probing whether Wright improperly divulged government secrets in discussing Central Intelligence Agency activities in Nicaragua.

Wright also alluded to another ethics probe into his financial dealings, reminding constituents that his "net worth at age 65 is no better than it was at 31." But, Wright said, "I'm rich in friends."

Judging by the program and tributes to Wright Tuesday night, Fort Worth is more interested in the congressman's prowess in bringing home the bacon than in newspaper headlines about his ethics.

Fort Worth Mayor Bob Bolen noted that Wright's congressional district annually receives more federal largess than any other in the nation. Texas Gov. Bill Clements, a Republican, called Wright a "great American" and thanked him for promoting Texas in the battle to land the superconducting supercollider.

The video could have been subtitled "Pork on Parade," as it showed F16 fighter planes from General Dynamics' plant in the district, Bell Helicopter's new tilt-rotor troop transport, the Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport, flood control projects, highways and hotels—all Wright's handiwork.

Referring to a new business airport under construction nearby for which Wright secured \$25 million in federal funding, Rep. Jack Brooks (D-Tex.) said, "If you think you would have gotten that \$25 million airport without Jim Wright, you're crazy."

It took Cuomo to remind the audience that Wright has been far more than a parochial leader, having fought for federal loans to help bail New York City out of its fiscal crisis in the 1970s.

"He does not believe that this country is only a nation of communities," said Cuomo, delivering his testimonial from a stage flanked by larger-than-life caricatures of Wright dressed in cowboy regalia and reaching for twin six-guns. "He believes that . . . we are a national community, we are one family called the United States of America."

Earlier, at a news conference where he was asked about the ethics investigations of Wright, Cuomo said, "It's a good thing." The speaker, Cuomo said, "will have the chance now to have people say these things are unfounded, these things are unfair . . . You'll get a lesson in deportment. You'll get a lesson in class."

Spoken like a Roman who had come not to bury Caesar, but to praise him.

—Tom Kenworthy



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Cuomo talks with Wright before a half hour of tub-thumping appreciation.

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The politics of thanking Jim

Last Tuesday night at the Will Rogers Coliseum in Fort Worth, 400 of Jim Wright's closest friends threw a party for 10,000 of Jim Wright's greatest admirers. The 10,000 noshed on free Texas barbeque and Mexican food and listened to the House Speaker and his good friend Mario Cuomo talk about the wonderful things Jim Wright has convinced Uncle Sam to buy for and from Fort Worth. The 400 "hosts" picked up the entire tab for the fete.

If inquiring minds want to know who paid, how much it cost, and where the money for the party went, forget it. The 400 sponsors, calling themselves "The Jim Wright Salute Fund," never intend to document their gathering with the Federal Election Commission.

Dee Stewart of Pavlik and Associates, the advertising firm that coordinated Tuesday night's "Thanks Jim" event, says that members of the "Host Committee" financed the event but that the event was "bipartisan, not political" and therefore not subject to federal election laws. A spokesman for the Federal Election Commission, however, said on Friday that the question of whether the "Jim Wright Salute Fund" is a political committee — and whether it is therefore required to register with the FEC, submit regular reports and conform to federal regulations — turns solely on whether it accepted or expended funds "for the purpose of influencing any election for Federal Office."

Jim Wright stands for re-election to Congress on Nov. 8. He is running unopposed — a fact that has neither discouraged him from raking in more than \$500,000 in contributions for his personal campaign (and hundreds of thousands more for his multicandidate PAC — the exact amount, an FEC spokesman claimed Monday, was "too complicated" to compute) nor exempted him from the federal election laws. But we are asked to believe that free food for 10,000 accompanied by speeches by the governor of New York and the candidate himself was not intended to "influence any election."

A flyer sent out by the "Jim Wright Salute Fund" lists some of the stars of the "Host Committee." A closer look at who they are and why they have reason to "Thank Jim" is instructive:

● **William Carlos Moore:** While serving as a staff aide to Jim Wright in 1975, Moore was convicted of tax evasion stemming from his operation in the late 1960s and early 1970s of a slush fund for jailed Teamster president Jimmy Hoffa. Mr. Wright tried to convince the judge sentencing Moore not to send him to jail. Since then Mr. Wright has paid Moore nearly \$700,000 for campaign services rang-

ing from polling to renting furniture. In 1984, Carlos Moore quietly published and marketed the Speaker's "Reflections of a Public Man," paying Mr. Wright at least \$54,000 in royalties.

● **S. Gene Payte:** This Fort Worth developer bought 1000 copies of Mr. Wright's "Reflections" because, he said, he was "just trying to make a contribution to Jim's income." In June the New York Times reported that the speaker had caused a post office to be located in one of Mr. Payte's developments and quoted Mr. Payte as saying, "That [buying 1000 books] was my way of showing gratitude for a job well done. We needed a post office."

● **Marshall and Leon Brachman:** The Brachmans own Computerized Business Systems, which after Carlos Moore's Madison Printing Co., is Jim Wright's principal campaign contractor. In June, the Fort Worth Star Telegram reported that Mr. Wright paid the Brachman's \$80,000 in federal funds to install a computer in the speaker's office, even though the Brachmans' company was not on the list of approved congressional computer dealers. In 1987, Mr. Wright paid the Brachmans \$27,237 in campaign funds for a computer system and software for his Fort Worth offices.

● **George, Michelle and Christopher Mallick:** George Mallick was a partner in the Triad Corporation towards which Jim Wright directed \$11.8 million in federal grants in 1985-86. Mr. Mallick and his wife are also partners with Jim Wright and his wife in a company called Mallightco. Mallightco makes its largest profits from selling uncut gemstones — an area of the business managed by George's son Christopher. The House Ethics Committee is investigating whether the free use of a condominium Mr. Mallick extended to the speaker constitutes an illegal and unreported gift.

● **Mike Montcrief:** In 1979, Jim Wright personally lobbied Egyptian President Anwar Sadat in an attempt to deter Egypt from nationalizing a \$30 million Montcrief-family oil well on the Sinai Peninsula. Since then Mr. Wright has been allowed to invest in 3 Montcrief-family gas wells — a privilege for which he has paid \$52,157 and earned between \$113,750 and \$128,250.

This is just a partial listing of the "Host Committee" that paid for the "Thanks Jim" party last Tuesday. Did they have any intention of influencing a federal election — or influencing someone likely to win a federal election? The FEC ought to do some thinking about it.

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WRIGHT, Jim

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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.

Jan. 5, 1989
Date

Wright
Signature

NAME: The Honorable Jim Wright

ADDRESS: H-204, The Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

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January 11, 1989

Peter T. Flaherty, Chairman
Conservative Campaign Fund
1156 15th Street, NW
Suite 500
Washington, DC 20005

RE: MUR 2803

Dear Mr. Flaherty:

This letter acknowledges receipt on January 3, 1989, of your complaint alleging possible violations of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended (the "Act"), by the Honorable James C. Wright, Jr., and the Thanks Jim Host Committee, et al. The respondents will be notified of this complaint within five days.

You will be notified as soon as the Federal Election Commission takes final action on your complaint. Should you receive any additional information in this matter, please forward it to the Office of the General Counsel. Such information must be sworn to in the same manner as the original complaint. We have numbered this matter MUR 2803. Please refer to this number in all future correspondence. For your information, we have attached a brief description of the Commission's procedures for handling complaints. If you have any questions, please contact Retha Dixon, Docket Chief, at (202) 376-3110.

Sincerely,

Lawrence M. Noble
General Counsel

By: 
Lois G. Lerner
Associate General Counsel

Enclosure
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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, DC 20463

January 11, 1989

Kenneth F. Boehm, Treasurer
Conservative Campaign Fund
1156 15th Street, NW
Suite 500
Washington, DC 20005

RE: MUR 2803

Dear Mr. Boehm:

This letter acknowledges receipt on January 3, 1989, of your complaint alleging possible violations of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended (the "Act"), by the Honorable James C. Wright, Jr., and the Thanks Jim Host Committee, et al. The respondents will be notified of this complaint within five days.

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

January 11, 1989

John McMillan, General Chairman
Thanks Jim Host Committee
100 E. 15th
Suite 320
Fort Worth, TX 76102

Re: MUR 2803
Thanks Jim Host
Committee
John McMillian, General
Chairman
Bob Bolan
George Ann Carter
L. B. George
James Leggett
Viola Pitts
Gordon Appleman
Taylor Gandy
Jerry Murad
Gene Wood
Roger Williams
Max Eubank
Marvin Gearhart
Rudy Pulido
Vernell Sturns
Louis Zapata
Keith Kahle
George Mallick
Perry R. Bass
Jerry Bawcom
Felix Ankele
Kay Day
Thomas H. Law
John Blinn
Jim Nichols

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Dear Mr. McMillan:

The Federal Election Commission received a complaint which alleges that the Thanks Jim Host Committee, et al., may have violated the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended (the "Act"). A copy of the complaint is enclosed. We have numbered this matter MUR 2803. 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 Thanks Jim

Host Committee, et al., in this matter. 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. Your response, which should be addressed to the General Counsel's Office, 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.

This matter will remain confidential in accordance with Section 437g(a)(4)(B) and Section 437g(a)(12)(A) of Title 2 unless you notify the Commission in writing that you wish the matter to be made public. 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 Colleen Miller, the attorney assigned to this matter, at (202) 376-8200. For your information, we have attached a brief description of the Commission's procedures for handling complaints.

Sincerely,

Lawrence M. Noble
General Counsel



By: Lois G. Lerner
Associate General Counsel

Enclosures

1. Complaint
2. Procedures
3. Designation of Counsel Statements (25)

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

January 11, 1989

William C. Oldaker, Esquire
Manatt, Phelps, Rothenberg
1200 New Hampshire Avenue, NW
Suite 200
Washington, DC 20036

RE: MUR 2803
Honorable James C.
Wright, Jr.

Dear Mr. Oldaker:

The Federal Election Commission received a complaint which alleges that your client, the Honorable James C. Wright, Jr., may have violated the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended (the "Act"). A copy of the complaint is enclosed. We have numbered this matter MUR 2803. 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 your client in this matter. 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. Your response, which should be addressed to the General Counsel's Office, 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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If you have any questions, please contact Colleen Miller, the staff member assigned to this matter, at (202) 376-8200. For your information, we have attached a brief description of the Commission's procedures for handling complaints.

Sincerely,

Lawrence M. Noble
General Counsel


By: Lois G. Lerner
Associate General Counsel

Enclosures

1. Complaint
2. Procedures

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January 19, 1989

Colleen Miller, Esquire
Office of the General Counsel
Federal Election Commission
999 E Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20463

Re: MUR 2803, The Honorable Jim Wright

Dear Colleen:

As you discussed with Eric Kleinfeld, we are hereby requesting an extension of time to respond to the complaint in MUR 2803 on behalf of the honorable Jim Wright. Due to our client's commitments in connection with the inaugural activities, the additional time is necessary to fully prepare a response in this matter. We received notification of the complaint on January 14, 1989. Accordingly, we request a two week extension of time to respond, until February 13, 1989.

Your consideration of this matter is appreciated.

Sincerely,

William C Oldaker /EFK

William C. Oldaker
Manatt, Phelps, Rothenberg & Phillips

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

January 25, 1989

William C. Oldaker, Esq.
Manatt, Phelps, Rothenberg & Phillips
1200 New Hampshire Avenue, N.W.
Suite 200
Washington, D.C. 20036

RE: MUR 2803
(Honorable Jim Wright)

Dear Mr. Oldaker:

This is in response to your letter dated January 19, 1989, which we received on January 23, 1989, requesting an extension until February 13, 1989 to respond to the complaint in MUR 2803. After considering the circumstances presented in your letter, I have granted the requested extension. Accordingly, your response is due by the close of business on February 13, 1989.

If you have any questions, please contact Colleen Miller, the attorney assigned to this matter, at (202) 376-8200.

Sincerely,

Lawrence M. Noble
General Counsel

BY: Lois G. Lerner
Associate General Counsel

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HAROLD D. HAMMETT, P.C.
OF COUNSEL TO THE FIRM

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January 27, 1989

Colleen Miller
Office of the General Counsel
Federal Election Commission
Washington, DC 20463

FEDERAL EXPRESS

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Re: MUR 2803; Thanks Jim Host Committee
John McMillan, General Chairman

Dear Ms. Miller:

This is to confirm our telephone conversation today regarding the courtesy of your office in granting a two-week extension until Friday, February 10, 1989, for a reply by the Thanks Jim Host Committee to Complaint MUR 2803. This request is being made by me because late last week I was unexpectedly called to trial earlier this week than I had anticipated. I have been in jury trial all this week, and should be in that trial until late next week.

Enclosed is the Statement by John McMillan, Chairman of the Committee, designating me as its attorney.

Very truly yours,

Harold D. Hammett

HDH:cjr
Enclosure

cc: John McMillan
Linda Pavlik

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MUR 2803

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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.

1/26/89
Date

John McMillan
Signature

RESPONDENT'S NAME: John McMillan

ADDRESS: Coors Distributing

P. O. Box 162869

Fort Worth, TX 76161

HOME PHONE: (817) 731-0300

BUSINESS PHONE: (817) 831-4211

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

February 1, 1989

Harold D. Hammett
Simon, Anisman, Doby, Wilson
and Skillern
P. O. Box 17047
300 Professional Building
303 West Tenth
Fort Worth, Texas 76102-7071

RE: MUR 2803
Thanks Jim Host Committee
John McMillan, General
Chairman

Dear Mr. Hammett:

This is in response to your letter dated January 27, 1989, which we received on January 30, 1989, requesting an extension of 14 days to respond to the complaint in MUR 2803. After considering the circumstances presented in your letter, I have granted the requested extension. Accordingly, your response is due by the close of business on February 10, 1989.

If you have any questions, please contact Colleen Miller, the attorney assigned to this matter, at (202) 376-8200.

Sincerely,

Lawrence M. Noble
General Counsel

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BY: Lois G. Lerner
Associate General Counsel

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February 9, 1989

Colleen Miller, Esq.
Office of the General Counsel
Federal Election Commission
999 E Street N.W.
Washington, DC 20463

FEDERAL EXPRESS

RE: MUR 2803: Thanks Jim Host Committee, et al.
Complaint by Conservative Campaign Fund

Dear Ms. Miller:

Enclosed are Statements of Designation of Counsel by most of the other members of the Host Committee for the Thanks Jim Host Committee for the Thanks Jim Salute held on October 11, 1988. I'm not sure this was necessary since my understanding is that the only respondent actually served with notice was John McMillan, the General Chairman. If there is any question about this, please let me know.

Thank you very much for your courtesy in extending the reply date. My jury trial finally concluded, successfully, just before noon on Wednesday, February 8th.

Very truly yours,



Harold D. Hammett

HDH:cjr
Enclosures

cc: John McMillan, General Chairman
Linda Pavlik

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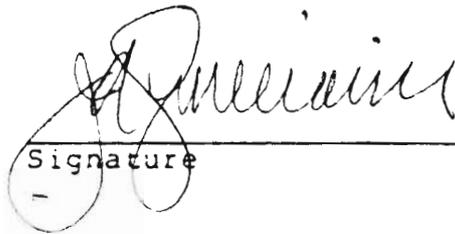
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The above-named individual is hereby designated as my counsel and is authorized to receive any notifications and other communications from the Commission and to act on my behalf before the Commission.

1/27/89
Date


Signature

RESPONDENT'S NAME: Roger Williams

ADDRESS: Williams Chrysler Plymouth

P. O. Box 1382

Fort Worth, TX 76101

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Date

Rudy Pulido
Signature

RESPONDENT'S NAME: Rudy Pulido

ADDRESS: Pulido's

4924 Benbrook Road

Fort Worth, TX 76116

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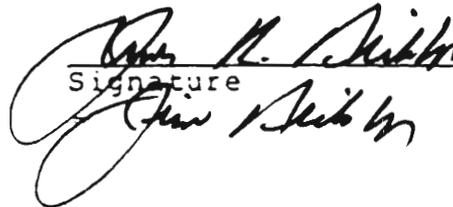
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17 Jan 89
Date


Signature

RESPONDENT'S NAME: Jim Nichols

ADDRESS: Freese & Nichols

811 Lamar Street

Fort Worth, TX 76102

HOME PHONE: 817-738-2176

BUSINESS PHONE: 817-336-7161

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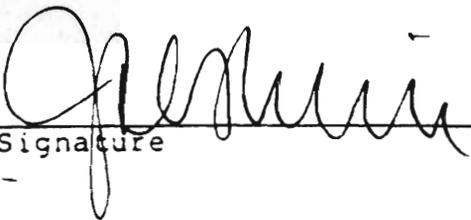
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1/30/89
Date


Signature

RESPONDENT'S NAME: John Blinn

ADDRESS: 301 Commerce, Suite 1100

Fort Worth, TX 76102

HOME PHONE: ~~817.332.6~~ 817.731.1708

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2-2-89
Date -


Signature

RESPONDENT'S NAME: Bob Bolen, Mayor

ADDRESS: City of Fort Worth

1000 Throckmorton

Fort Worth, TX 76102

HOME PHONE: _____

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2-1-89
Date -

Vernell Sturns
Signature

RESPONDENT'S NAME: Vernell Sturns

ADDRESS: 612 High Woods Trail

Fort Worth, TX 76112

HOME PHONE: (817) 429-2854

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2/2/89
Date

Marvin Gearhart
Signature

RESPONDENT'S NAME: MARVIN
~~Marilyn~~ Gearhart

ADDRESS: Gearhart Industries, Inc.

P. O. Box 1936

Fort Worth, TX 76101

HOME PHONE: 923-0325

BUSINESS PHONE: 293-7555

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1-31-89
Date -

Taylor Gandy
Signature

RESPONDENT'S NAME: Taylor Gandy

ADDRESS: 2501 Parkview Drive

Fort Worth, TX 76102

HOME PHONE: 817 - 732 8855

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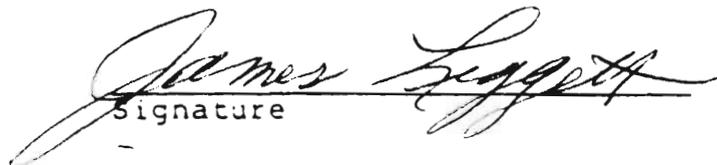
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Date


Signature

RESPONDENT'S NAME: James Leggett, Jr.

ADDRESS: P.O. Box 9540

Fort Worth, TX 76147

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1-27-89
Date

Jerry A. Bawcom
Signature

RESPONDENT'S NAME: Dr. Jerry Bawcom

ADDRESS: TX. Wesleyan College

P.O. Box 50020

Fort Worth, TX 76105

HOME PHONE: _____

BUSINESS PHONE: _____

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1-29-89
Date

Gene Wood
Signature

RESPONDENT'S NAME: Dr. Gene Wood

ADDRESS: Civic Leaders Association

2501 Ridgmar Plaza, #101

Fort Worth, TX 76116

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1/27/89
Date

Thomas Law
Signature

RESPONDENT'S NAME: Thomas Law

ADDRESS: Law, Snakard & Gambell

3200 Tex. Amer. Bank Bldg.

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Date -

Felix Ankele
Signature

RESPONDENT'S NAME: Felix Ankele

ADDRESS: Gordon Boswell Flowers

1220 Pennsylvania

Fort Worth, TX 76104

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Date

Rev. L. B. George
Signature

RESPONDENT'S NAME: Rev. L. B. George

ADDRESS: Mt. Zion Baptist Church

1101 Evans Avenue

Fort Worth, TX 76104

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BUSINESS PHONE: " " -336-2990

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Jan. 28, 1989
Date

Louis Zapata
Signature

RESPONDENT'S NAME: Louis Zapata

ADDRESS: Zapata Funeral Home

2200 Hemphill

Fort Worth, TX 76110

HOME PHONE: 817 626-4458

BUSINESS PHONE: 817 626-2121

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Date -

Gordon Appleman
Signature

RESPONDENT'S NAME: Gordon Appleman

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Fort Worth, TX 76109

HOME PHONE: 817-927-7111

BUSINESS PHONE: 817-335-1700

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Date _____

Signature _____

RESPONDENT'S NAME: Mrs. Viola Pitts

ADDRESS: 5505 Kilpatrick

Fort Worth, TX 76107

HOME PHONE: _____

BUSINESS PHONE: _____

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1/30/89
Date -

Kay Day
Signature

RESPONDENT'S NAME: Kay Day

ADDRESS: Kay Day, Inc.

2615 Merrick

Fort Worth, TX 76107

HOME PHONE: 817-731-0255

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1-29-89
Date

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Signature

RESPONDENT'S NAME: Jerry Murad

ADDRESS: One Commerce Plaza

Fort Worth, TX 76102

HOME PHONE: 732-1175

BUSINESS PHONE: 335-5691

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RE: MUR 2803: Thanks Jim Host Committee, et al.
Complaint by Conservative Campaign Fund

Dear Mr. Noble:

This is the response of the Thanks Jim Host Committee, and John McMillan, General Chairman, and all other members of the Host Committee named as respondents to your office's letter of January 11, 1989. Colleen Miller has previously courteously extended the reply time to February 10, 1989.

As shown by the attached Affidavit of Linda Pavlik, the October 11, 1988 "Thanks Jim" salute in Fort Worth was a non-political, non-partisan appreciation dinner for Speaker Jim Wright hosted and organized by local people to show appreciation for Speaker Wright's service on behalf of his District, as well as Texas and the United States. There was no communication expressly advocating the nomination or election of Speaker Wright, or the election or defeat of any other candidate, and there was no solicitation, making or accepting of a campaign contribution for Speaker Wright in connection with the event. He had no opposition on the ballot for the November 8, 1988 general election. The complaint is spurious. Orloski v. Federal Election Commission, 795 F.2d 156 (D.C. Cir. 1986).

The Conservative Campaign Fund's complaint does not set forth a possible violation of the Federal Election Campaign Act, and the file should be closed on this matter.

Very truly yours,

Harold D. Hammett
Attorney for Thanks Jim Host
Committee, John McMillan, General
Chairman, and Members of the Host
Committee

Enclosure

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Lawrence M. Noble, General Counsel
Federal Election Commission
February 9, 1989
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cc: John McMillan, General Chairman
Linda Pavlik
Members of the Host Committee

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AFFIDAVIT OF LINDA PAVLIK

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared LINDA PAVLIK, who, being by me first duly sworn, upon her oath stated as follows:

1. "My name is Linda Pavlik. I am a resident of Fort Worth, Tarrant County, Texas. I am over 18 years of age, of sound mind, and am competent to make this Affidavit. I have personal knowledge of the facts and events stated herein.

2. "My public relations firm, Pavlik and Associates, 100 E. 15th Street, Suite 320, Fort Worth, Texas, performed the organization and planning of the 'Thanks Jim' appreciation Dinner, held for Speaker Jim Wright in Fort Worth, Texas, on October 11, 1988. I personally supervised and approved the printing of all literature, announcements, brochures, as well as the program for that event. I attended the event. I heard all the speeches and announcements from the podium. There were no requests to vote for Congressman Wright, or for or against any other candidate. There were no campaign speeches of any kind. There was no request, verbally or in writing, for anyone present, or invited, to contribute any money or make any expenditure as a campaign contribution to Speaker Wright or to any other person or political committee in connection with the event (nor was any campaign contribution accepted). No campaign literature for Speaker Wright, or any other candidate, was permitted on the premises during the event. In fact, all Pavlik and Associates' staff members and volunteers who assisted with the event itself

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were instructed not to allow any campaign activity on the part of any candidate for office at the entrance to or inside the event hall itself before, during or after the event.

3. "My firm collected all of the monies in the form of contributions to pay for the expenses of this event, and paid all of the costs for it. All monies that were received were utilized only to pay the costs of the event.

4. "The event was a non-partisan appreciation dinner in honor of Congressman Wright, in appreciation for his service to his district and the people of Texas. Texas Governor William Clements, a Republican, addressed the audience briefly and eloquently, in praise of Congressman Wright's service to the people of Texas.

5. "Attached to this Affidavit and incorporated by reference as in integral part of it, is a true copy of each of the following documents which I drafted, or approved as to accuracy, and which my firm caused to be mailed (as applicable):

A. Form letter prepared and mailed under the signature of John McMillan, inviting addressees to serve on the Host Committee (mailed in middle or late August, 1988 when the Salute to Jim Wright was initially scheduled for September 23, 1988), together with Acceptance Card, and a copy of Dallas Morning News article dated July 31, 1988;

B. Printed Invitation mailed first week of September, 1988, containing reprint from Washington Post August 7,

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1988, and names of Host Committee, together with return Acceptance Card bearing signature sticker;

C. September 16, 1988 News Release;

D. Post card notifying of change of date to October 11, 1988;

E. October 5, 1988 News Release;

F. October 7, 1988 form letter prepared under signature of John McMillan and mailed to each host concerning seating arrangements;

G. Media Kit, including program agenda, reprint of Dallas Morning News article July 31, 1988, October 5, 1988 News Release, Biography of Jim Wright and Biography of Governor Mario M. Cuomo; and

H. Program distributed at the October 11, 1988 event, containing the agenda item:

'To Speak for Texas
Honorable William Clements
Governor
State of Texas'

6. "Also enclosed is a true copy of the following newspaper stories covering the event:

A. Fort Worth Star-Telegram (October 11, 1988);

B. Fort Worth Star-Telegram (October 12, 1988);

C. Fort Worth News-Tribune (October 14, 1988); and

D. The Dallas Morning News (October 12, 1988)

7. "No candidate's name was authorized to appear on the ballot for the November 8, 1988 general election as an opponent against Congressman Jim Wright. (There were two minor candidates

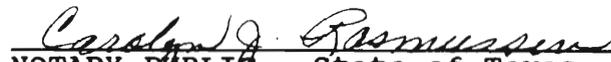
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who had previously filed with the Secretary of State of Texas a statement which permitted them to receive votes as write-in candidates under Texas law. One, Jim Ryan, received 767 votes; the other, Gary Johnson, received 230 votes; Jim Wright received 135,459 votes. I have been observing Tarrant County politics, including Congressional District 12 since 1970, either as a newspaper reporter, political consultant, or as a public relations professional. No write-in candidate during that time has ever come close to winning an office of this importance).

8. "The 'Thanks Jim' event was not advertised, sponsored or conducted to influence a Federal election. That Federal election, insofar as it related to the office of United States Representative, District 12, State of Texas, had already been predetermined by the fact that no opposition candidate against Jim Wright was to appear on the November 8, 1988 general election ballot."


LINDA PAVLIK

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME by LINDA PAVLIK on this the 9th day of February, 1989, to certify which witness my official seal of office.


NOTARY PUBLIC - State of Texas
Printed Name: _____
My Commission Expires: _____

CAROLYN J. RASMUSSEN
Notary State of Texas
My Commission Expires 4/15/89

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Acceptance Card

Yes, I am pleased and honored to serve on the host committee for the "Thanks, Jim" event on Friday, September 23. Please use my name on the invitation, program and other materials in connection with this event. My name should be listed as:

(please print)

Date
Name
Company
Add1
Add2
City/State/Zip

Any and all contributions to defray the cost of this free public event are welcomed, but certainly not required for your acceptance as a host committee member. If you wish to contribute, please make your check payable to: Jim Wright Salute. Feel free to use the enclosed, self-addressed postage-paid reply envelope.

In order to mail the invitations in a timely manner, please return this card by Friday, August 19, 1988, in the reply envelope provided.

Dear Salutation:

Please join me in organizing an event to publicly thank Jim Wright for his constant and diligent efforts on our behalf. It should be apparent to everyone how hard he works for his congressional district and all the people of Fort Worth, Tarrant County, Texas and the entire nation.

Even with his demanding schedule as Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, Jim always finds the time to work for and with the people who have elected him their representative in Washington.

Up to now, you and I have been able only to stand by silently while Jim has had to face outrageous assaults on his personal character by elements of the press, stimulated in large part by election year politics. He certainly has been, by anyone's accounting, one of the most effective Congressmen in the history of the United States, and those of us who know him certainly know Jim Wright as a man of total integrity.

Ironically, much of the unthinking criticism in the national press has centered around his dedication to our area and his willingness to go to bat for Texas people and interests when they are threatened. The enclosed clipping should serve to remind you of the many things Jim has done for our area.

Now is the time to thank Jim for all he has done for us. We can never repay him for dedicating his life to public service on our behalf, but we can certainly show him what his personal effective and untiring work for Texas and America, including the sacrifices he is presently enduring, mean to us.

Please join me as a member of the host committee for "Thanks, Jim" on Friday, September 23, 1988, at Will Rogers Coliseum, with dinner service beginning at 6:30 p.m. Your presence at this non-partisan event and your assistance in defraying the costs of hosting an evening of food, fellowship and appreciation, free to guests, will be welcomed since no public or campaign funds are being used.

Please return the enclosed reply card to me as soon as possible. Time is short, and I know I can count on your support for this memorable event.

Sincerely,

John McMillan

P.S. Legal counsel has assured me that a corporate donation is perfectly legal and appropriate for this non-partisan community appreciation dinner.

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Federal funds heaped on Tarrant County

By Dan Malone

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PORT WORTH — Tarrant County, home of House Speaker Jim Wright, collected more than \$5.5 billion in federal funds in 1986 — the most money, on a per capita basis, spent in any large urban area in the nation.

The county's top ranking — \$5,681 per person — reflects Wright's increasing influence over how tax dollars are spent, his intercession on behalf of powerful corporate constituents and, some contend, his mastery of the federal pork barrel.

Jim Wright helps bring home the bacon

The Dallas Morning News, in analyzing federal spending for fiscal years 1986 and 1987, used a computer to track hundreds of billions of dollars in contracts, grants, loans and payrolls through 50 states and 3,041 counties.

Not surprisingly, the analysis revealed that Tarrant County, which Wright has represented for more than three decades, achieved its top rank primarily through the award of multibillion-dollar defense contracts.

Last year, amid a steep decline in defense spending, Tarrant County dropped to the No. 4 per capita position with \$4.4 billion, or \$4,030 per person. But recently awarded military contracts may re-establish the county as the nation's biggest benefactor of federal spending in years to come.

Wright, in an interview Friday, said he has merely acted as an "ombudsman" for his district's economic interests. And those who view Tarrant County's \$9.9 billion as

pork barrel extravagance, Wright said, are either uninformed or envious.

"Pork barrel is an abused and grotesquely overused word," Wright said. "I think it's a sloppy word used indiscriminately to belittle projects that one doesn't understand and from which one doesn't benefit."

Tarrant County projects funded by the federal treasury, he contends, could have sold themselves.

"It isn't that I was that effective," he said. "If you didn't have a good

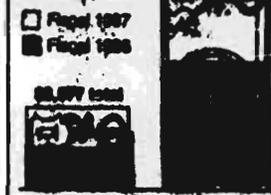
product to sell, it wouldn't make any difference how good you were as a salesman."

Though military spending makes up the greatest slice of Tarrant County's federal pie, Wright's influence is not limited to the defense industry. His intercession on behalf of defense — and other interests — in or near his district has been evidenced by:

■ Legislation directing the Federal Aviation Administration to give "high priority" to financing a \$25 million, first-of-its-kind industrial airport in north Fort Worth. Fort Please see TARRANT on Page 24A.

FEDERAL PORK BARREL

The chart below shows per capita federal spending in Tarrant County and the nation during the last two fiscal years.



For average U.S. resident

For average Tarrant County resident

SOURCE: The Dallas Morning News computer analysis of the U.S. Census Bureau's Consolidated Federal Funds Report.

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Tarrant County gets big slice of federal pie

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Worth Alliance Airport is the centerpiece of a massive development planned by the family of Dallas billionaire Ross Perot.

■ The set-aside of about \$24 million in Economic Development Administration grants to the city of Fort Worth for projects in the historic Stockyards area. Wright's former business partner and confidant, George Mallick of Fort Worth, had

been involved in the management of a controversial Stockyards renovation plan.

■ The award of about \$9 million in Urban Development Action Grants indirectly aimed at hotel projects in downtown Fort Worth proposed by development companies headed by Ray Hunt of Dallas and Sid Bass of Westover Hills. Fort Worth city officials credit the two developments for spurring down-

town renovation.

■ The revision of a deficit-reduction bill to refund about \$5 million to the estate of a wealthy family friend. The measure, defended by Wright's staff as a "technical correction" to benefit a group of charities, easily passed the House, but died in the Senate.

■ The appropriation of more than \$900 million for two military planes — the F-111 built by General

Dynamics in Fort Worth and the A-7 built by LTV in Dallas — that the government didn't ask for. Money for the F-111 averted the closing of General Dynamics' Fort Worth facility in the early 1970s, and averted the layoff of thousands of LTV workers in the early '80s.

Tarrant County's top ranking is a mixed blessing for its best-known politician. Wright's supporters said it demonstrates his ability to "get

things done" in Washington for his Fort Worth constituents.

"What's the point in having the speaker of the House come from Texas if he doesn't do the people any good?" asked Boston University President John R. Silber, a longtime Wright friend.

But detractors said the ranking only reinforces Wright's anachronistic image as a provincial, pork-barrel politician at a time

when he is positioning himself as a national leader.

"Jim Wright generates more pork than is hanging in a Kansas slaughterhouse," said Don McNiel, the Alvarado Republican who tried to unseat Wright in 1984. "It's the pork barrel capital of America."

Pork-barrel politics

As a newly elected member of Congress in 1955, Wright quickly learned a lesson from the fellow Texan he would one day succeed — House Speaker Sam Rayburn.

"In order to get along," Rayburn frequently admonished colleagues, "you have to go along."

For Wright "going along" meant taking a less-than-glamorous seat on a House committee widely known for pork barreling.

Wright wanted on the House Foreign Affairs Committee, but Rayburn convinced him that "a far better committee for him for his future was public works," said Anthony Champagne, a Rayburn biographer and University of Texas at Dallas scholar.

As a member of the House Public Works Committee, Wright could cast about the vast federal pork barrel, fishing out pet projects for his district and collecting chits from other congressmen seeking favors for their districts.

Rayburn's guidance paid off. Wright collected enough markers to help win election as House majority leader by one vote in 1976, and as speaker without opposition in 1987. And his Tarrant County congressional district fattened up like a feedlot hog.

Rayburn and Wright, Champagne said, saturated their districts with federal projects and jobs to obtain the "maneuvering room" needed to lead the liberal leaning national Democratic Party without incurring the wrath of their more conservative constituents.

"You can take care of the home-folk so much that they really don't care where you stand" on some national issues, Champagne said. "Sam Rayburn used the pork barrel just like Jim Wright used the pork barrel."

Pork-barrel politics, though it hasn't always been known as such, is as old as the nation itself.

In *Safire's Political Dictionary*, William Safire traces the term to the pre-Civil War practice of giving salt-cured pork to slaves, as noted in a 1919 *National Municipal Review* article.

"Often the eagerness of slaves would result in a rush upon the pork barrel, in which each would strive

to grab as much as possible for himself," the article stated. "Members of Congress in the stampede to get their local appropriations items into the Omnibus River and Harbor bills, behaved like Negro slaves rushing the pork barrel, that these bills were facetiously styled 'pork barrel bills, and the system which originated them has thus become known as the pork-barrel system.'"

But Wright said the term is now used by envious politicians to de-

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— Jim Wright

scribe desirable federal projects that were wooed by other districts.

"Pork barrel is a project in somebody else's district," he said. "It's located in someone else's part of the country."

In Texas, home of such accomplished political providers as Rayburn and former President Lyndon Johnson, pork-barreling is frequently a requisite for re-election.

But Texans aren't alone in their mastery of pork barrel politics.

Middlesex County, Mass., for example, received \$4,205 for each of its estimated 1.3 million residents in 1987, as compared with the \$4,030 per capita rate in Tarrant County. A portion of Middlesex County, in the Boston metropolitan area, is included in the congressional district of former House Speaker Thomas P. "Tip" O'Neill.

Biographer Champagne said the districts of congressional leaders frequently fare better than other areas of the country.

"They get more goodies than they should probably get otherwise," Champagne said. "I think the rest of

the country sees it as an exercise in political power — and wishes that they had a speaker."

Congress maintains such keen interest in where federal funds are spent that it instructed the U.S. Census Bureau to keep track of government spending by congressional district.

But Census Bureau officials said they have never complied with the requirement largely because of the difficulty in tracking federal funds in densely populated urban areas represented by more than one member of Congress.

Tarrant's outsize share

During his early days in office, Wright's 12th Congressional District encompassed not only Tarrant County, but also four other, predominantly rural counties. But as Tarrant County's population burgeoned during the 1960s and 1970s, Wright's district grew smaller geographically. Today, the 12th includes most of Fort Worth and the suburban cities in northwestern Tarrant County.

Wright, who earlier this month presided over the Democratic National Convention in Atlanta, faces an unprecedented investigation by the House ethics committee into allegations that he improperly interceded on behalf of troubled savings and loan executives in Texas and that he wrongly profited from royalties on a paperback collection of his speeches.

He remains the county's dominant political patron, but two others — both Republicans and both elected in 1984 — now represent portions of Tarrant County.

U.S. Rep. Joe Barton of Ennis represents the far-flung 6th District, which stretches from a small portion of southwest Tarrant County toward Houston.

U.S. Rep. Dick Arney of Denton represents the 26th District, which includes Arlington, some of the bedroom communities in northeast Tarrant County, Denton County, and parts of Cooke and Collin counties.

"We're blessed with a delegation strong enough to make sure we get our fair share," said Fort Worth Mayor Bob Bolen.

WHERE THE FEDERAL DOLLARS GO

The story and the accompanying statistical information are based on The Dallas Morning News' computer analysis of federal spending during fiscal years 1986 and 1987 as reported in the U.S. Census Bureau's Consolidated Federal Funds Report.

The analysis included government contracts, grants, loans, payoffs and other selected programs in which funds can be traced to a particular county. Funds which could not be traced to a particular county are not included, nor are direct payments to individuals — such as Social Security and other entitlement grants, which are set by national formulas. Flood and mortgage insurance also are excluded, because they represent possible debt and not current expenses.

SPENDING PER PERSON IN U.S.

Shown below are counties of more than 1 million population with the highest rate of per capita federal spending.

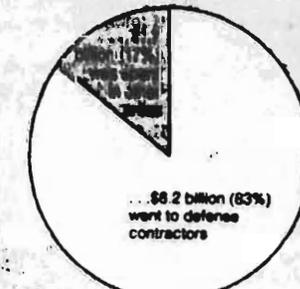
1986	County, population	Per capita
1. TARRANT	Texas 1,010,272	\$5,481
2. ST. LOUIS*	Mo. 1,418,485	\$4,867
3. SANTA CLARA	Calif. 1,371,522	\$4,668
4. SAN DIEGO	Calif. 2,083,902	\$3,704
5. MIDDLESEX	Mass. 1,389,400	\$3,647

1987	County, population	Per capita
1. ST. LOUIS*	Mo. 1,419,452	\$5,010
2. SANTA CLARA	Calif. 1,401,837	\$4,443
3. MIDDLESEX	Mass. 1,367,045	\$3,647
4. TARRANT	Texas 1,101,487	\$4,030
5. HAWAII	N.Y. 1,323,037	\$3,642

*Data combined for city and county of St. Louis

DEFENSE BIGGEST PART OF TARRANT COUNTY PIE

Of the \$9.9 billion in federal dollars spent in Tarrant County in 1986 and 1987 ...



SPENDING PER PERSON IN TEXAS

Shown below are the most populous counties in Texas and the amount of per capita federal spending in each.

County	1986	1987
TARRANT	\$5,481	\$4,030
BEXAR	\$2,630	\$2,530
EL PASO	\$2,012	\$1,784
DALLAS	\$1,709	\$1,988
HARRIS	\$1,161	\$1,101

SPENDING PER PERSON AROUND THE METROPLEX

Shown below is the per person spending in the five largest cities in Dallas and Tarrant counties. The dollar figures represent fiscal years 1986 and 1987 combined.

City	1986	1987	Population
FORT WORTH	\$19,337		429,549
DALLAS	\$2,898		1,003,519
GARLAND	\$2,057		178,510
ARLINGTON	\$491		249,770
IRVING	\$417		128,532

SPENDING PER COUNTY IN 1987

Shown below are the counties of more than 1 million population, ranked by total federal spending.

County or area, population	Total spending
1. LOS ANGELES Calif. 6,298,118	\$19.4 billion
2. NEW YORK N.Y. 7,582,747	\$11.3 billion
3. SAN DIEGO Calif. 2,501,318	\$7.9 billion
4. SANTA CLARA Calif. 1,401,837	\$6.2 billion
5. MIDDLESEX Mass. 1,367,045	\$5.7 billion
6. COOK Ill. 5,587,907	\$5.6 billion
7. ORANGE Calif. 2,168,801	\$4.8 billion
8. TARRANT Texas 1,101,487	\$4.4 billion
9. KING Wash. 1,382,294	\$4.2 billion
10. ALABAMA Calif. 1,208,683	\$4.1 billion

The News' analysis of federal spending across the nation indicates that Tarrant County gets more than its share.

The analysis of federal spending in fiscal 1986 and 1987 used the Census Bureau's Consolidated Federal Funds Report, which tracks federal spending through 50 states, 3,041 counties and more than 80,000 local governments.

Funds analyzed included federal contracts, salaries, loans and grants that could be traced to a particular county. Direct payments to individuals — such as Social Security and other entitlement grants — generally were excluded. Mortgage and flood insurance guarantees also were excluded.

Some federal defense funds traced to a particular county later are funneled to subcontractors in other counties, making it difficult to determine how much money a specific county keeps.

No other county in Texas came close to Tarrant County's total of \$9.9 billion, or \$9,511 per capita rate, during 1986-87. Dallas received \$6.6 billion, or \$3,705 per person for the two years. Harris County received \$6.2 billion, or \$2,262 per person.

The per capita rate is even greater within the city limits of Fort Worth, where the government spent \$19,337 per capita during 1986-87.

In other parts of the nation, some smaller urban areas with less than a million residents exceeded Tarrant County's per capita rate. Montgomery County, Md., for example, a suburb of the nation's capital, is among the highest. The county, many of whose 665,065 residents are federal employees, received \$8.1 billion during 1986-87, or about \$12,703 per person.

And some counties received a larger amount of money than Tarrant, but they generally had far greater populations. With 8.2 million residents, Los Angeles, for example, ranked No. 1 in total spending during 1986-87, with \$42.2 billion, or \$5,236 per person.

Tarrant County's top ranking is largely the result of defense spending. Of the \$9.9 billion in funds received in Tarrant County during 1986-87, 83 percent, or \$8.2 billion, came from defense contracts.

Defense contracting is so significant — the county received seven times the national per capita average — that a \$1.1 billion decrease in 1987 caused Tarrant County to fall from first to fourth in overall per capita spending.

Recent defense contracts may push Tarrant County back to No. 1 in years to come. The Defense Department earlier this year awarded General Dynamics contracts exceeding \$2 billion — one to develop a new fighter, another to research development of an aerospace plane.

The extraordinary number of defense dollars spent in Tarrant County underscores its relationship to the 65-year-old Wright, who has spent half of his life as the congressman from Fort Worth.

Defense contractors have rewarded Wright for his support with money needed to fend off occasional challengers for his office. According to a study in the Palo Alto, Calif. publication *Congress & Defense* 1988, Wright received more campaign contributions in 1986 from the political action committee of defense contractors than any other member of the House — \$121,323.

Wright, who is unopposed for reelection this year, was fighting off a challenge from Republican McNeil in 1986. Wright won 59 percent of the vote.

The bulk of Tarrant County's \$8.2 billion in defense contracts went to General Dynamics, maker of the F-16 jet fighter and the county's largest employer with 28,000 workers. General Dynamics, the nation's second-largest defense contractor, reported \$5.8 billion in military aircraft sales from its Fort Worth Division in 1986-87.

General Dynamics plays such a key role that Don Hicks, an economist with the North Texas Commission, said that Tarrant County is rated so highly "just because GD builds planes there."

Wright's role in bringing the F-16 program to Tarrant County goes back 20 years.

In the late '60s, Wright was primarily responsible for restoring \$300 million in funds for another General Dynamics plane — the F-111. Between 1968 and 1970, Wright convinced Congress to keep the craft in limited production even though the administration wanted to eliminate funding for it altogether.

Funding during that three-year period averted the possible closure of the Fort Worth facility, and allowed engineers to continue work on a design for a new plane that would eventually be known as the F-16.

"The plant would have been closed and the F-16 ... would never have existed," said a former high-ranking official of General Dynamics. "It's an example of what a man

can do if he believes in his constituents and is dedicated to making the right thing happen."

By the early '70s, the competition for a new fighter was between General Dynamics and the California-

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— former official of General Dynamics

based Northrup Corp. Wright joined other officials from Texas in lobbying for the Fort Worth-built F-16, but it is not clear how important his role was.

"It's very difficult to pin anything on him," said Paul H. Nisbet, an aerospace analyst with Prudential-Bache Capital Funding in New York. "What he does behind the scenes is far more important than what he does in public."

The decision to award the contract to General Dynamics was made shortly before Wright ascended to the powerful position of House majority leader in 1976. And several people familiar with the competition said the F-16 had such a competitive edge that little political salesmanship was required.

Brian McCartan, an analyst with the Center for Defense Information, a Washington-based think tank, said the F-16 "strikes me as a system that largely made it on its own merits — not on the back of Jim Wright."

But Greg Bischak, an economist with Employment Research Associates, a Lansing, Mich.-based group that studies the impact of defense spending on local economies, said such large contracts are rarely immune from political considerations.

"It's real clear that there's a great deal of log rolling in Washington," Bischak said. "It's one of the prime determinants, if not the prime determinant, of who gets what, where and when."

Top officials of General Dynamics frequently confer with Wright or members of his staff, and Wright periodically pitches the plane to prospective buyers, as he did to Singa-

pore officials during a 1983 trip overseas. That country eventually bought eight of the Fort Worth-built fighters.

The threat of job losses has also drawn Wright into the fray.

In the late '70s, with former LTV chairman Paul Thayer warning of possible layoffs in Dallas and Tarrant counties, Wright joined other lawmakers in defending the stubby — and some said — outdated A-7 Corsair.

The aircraft was built in Dallas, which isn't in Wright's district, but many of the thousands of employees who worked on the plane lived in Tarrant County and were Wright's constituents.

The Corsair was used extensively during the Vietnam War, but by the mid-1970s, Defense Department and administration officials wanted a newer plane and quit asking Congress for additional A-7s.

Undaunted, Wright and others convinced Congress to consistently include funds for the planes — some \$600 million through the early '80s.

LTV, for its part, has never considered the A-7 obsolete. And spokesman Jim Croelin said the ultimate recipient of many of the planes in question — the Air National Guard — badly wanted the craft despite its having been shunned by the upper echelons of the defense hierarchy.

One retired military official, who asked not to be identified, recalls a Washington cocktail party in which Wright and Thayer, then the head of LTV Corp., joked about funding for the A-7.

"There's no question that the Navy didn't want them," the official said. "Jim and Paul just decided that the Navy needed 50 of them. It was just a humorous joke — that the Navy was going to get some."

More recently, Wright weighed in to free up \$138 million in funds earmarked for the Bell Helicopter Army Helicopter Improvement Program. Officials were withholding the funds because of a problem with the way helicopter tests were being conducted.

In a Jan. 13, 1988, letter to Deputy Defense Secretary William H. Taft IV, Wright complained that the withheld funds might force Bell "to begin to lay off employees beginning with a substantial number in my district but including thousands more across the county ... clearly this must not be allowed to happen."

Taft responded two weeks later with a letter promising to release the funds and to "avert any plant layoffs."

In an interview, Wright defended intervening on behalf of contractors and others in his area.

"If I had not thought that it was good for the U.S., I wouldn't have been for it," he said.

The beneficiaries

Although defense spending makes up the bulk of federal funds in Fort Worth, Wright has drawn the most criticism for using his power to help out on projects totaling millions — instead of billions — of dollars.

Most recently, Wright arranged for \$25 million in Federal Aviation Administration funds to build Fort Worth Alliance Airport, the centerpiece of a development of the Ross Perot family.

Tom Schatz of the watchdog group Citizens Against Government Waste said the project "certainly would qualify as pork barrel."

"It didn't go through the regular process," he said. "The FAA had no say in whether the airport was approved. It was really a favor for Jim Wright."

Funds for the industrial airport, which city officials hope will spur development in north Fort Worth, were rejected in 1987 by the House subcommittee on aviation. The money had been included in a \$203 million package of 32 airport projects that critics blasted as pork barrel.

But Wright turned to the Appropriations Committee, which subsequently instructed the FAA to place "high priority" on finding money

Please see CONTRACTS on Page 25A.

Contracts, other benefits give Fort Worth top rank

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for construction for the city.

"I was as helpful as I could be," Wright said.

The airport, as The Perot Group describes it, will be "the first industrial airport designed and built strictly to serve the needs of business" and "used as a center for import and export of the products of businesses" within an industrial park that the Perot family is developing around it.

Schatz may consider the airport pork barrel, but FAA officials were singing its praises during a groundbreaking ceremony earlier this summer.

"We need a dozen such Alliance Airports plant to east," said FAA Administrator T. Allan McArtor.

And Wright, who received a standing ovation from the crowd of 400 who attended the ceremony, said at the groundbreaking that he "doesn't know of a better example of cooperation" among government and business.

As House majority leader in the early '80s, Wright also persuaded federal officials to provide tens of millions in Economic Development Administration funds and Urban Development Action Grants to spur development in downtown, the Fort Worth Stockyards and other areas.

In the early '80s, \$6 million in urban development funds were awarded to build a parking garage and plaza to make a nearby downtown hotel project backed by Ray Hunt become economically feasible. Another \$3 million was approved during that same period to renovate Main Street to aid another downtown hotel project backed by Sid Bass.

At the time, the \$9 million for the two projects was more than a third of the agency's entire urban development fund, official said. In exchange for help with the Fort Worth projects, Wright says he pledged to help the agency fight off attempts to cut its budget.

The two grants were needed, Wright said, "to preserve harmony in Fort Worth," a reference to the competing interests of the hotel Hunt was building at one end of Main Street and the one Bass wanted on the other.

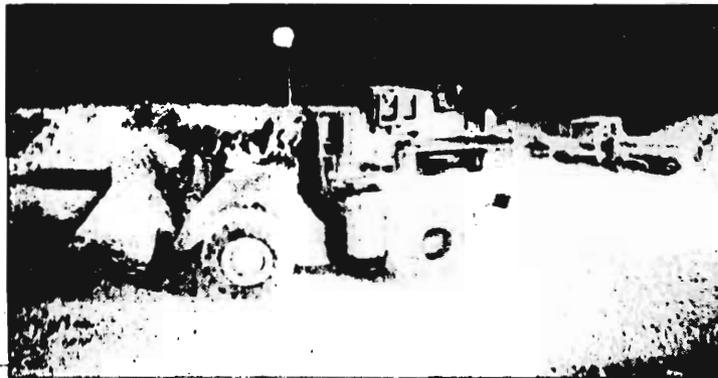
THREE PROJECTS SUPPORTED BY JIM WRIGHT



ABOVE: LTV employees work on an A-7 aircraft. Wright helped restore funding for the plane, considered obsolete by some, after the administration dropped it from its budget requests. Wright joked with former LTV chairman Paul Thayer that the Navy didn't want the planes but was getting them anyway.



RIGHT: Work continues into the night at the construction site of Fort Worth Alliance Airport. Wright helped arrange \$25 million in construction funds for the airport, which will be the centerpiece of a first-of-its-kind industrial airpark planned by the family of Ross Perot. Perot's son, Ross Perot Jr., was the primary planner for the project.



ABOVE: As House majority leader in 1985, Jim Wright joins Fort Worth Mayor Bob Bolon (far left) in giving members of Congress a walking tour of the Fort Worth Stockyards. Wright was instrumental in arranging millions of dollars in federal grants aimed at revitalizing the financially troubled area.

used frivolously."

The economic development grants are the most recent Wright has delivered for his hometown. A study by Fort Worth officials tallied just over \$12 million in EDA grants, most requiring additional funding from the city, aimed at improvements in the Stockyards and other areas between 1974 and 1983.

Wright also tried to help the estate of a family friend with a piece of so-called "private legislation" that he inserted into a deficit-reduction bill.

The estate of J.J. Ballard, a Westover Hills businessman who made his fortune in the commercial ice business, sought Wright's help in obtaining a refund of about \$5 million in the taxes the estate already had paid. Most of the refund, Wright said, would go to four charities that Ballard named as beneficiaries of his estate.

The legislation was tailored so specifically that its only apparent application would be to the estate of Ballard.

Wright played a secondary role in the Reagan administration's decision to build the nation's second currency plant in Fort Worth. Wright said he pitched the incentive package put together by Fort Worth businessmen and city officials to Treasury officials. Others credit him with lining up support for Fort Worth among the Texas congressional delegation.

One person familiar with the decision process, and who asked not to be identified, said Wright's most important role was in keeping a low profile as Texas Republicans — led by U.S. Sen. Phil Gramm — could make the strongest pitch to Treasury Secretary James Baker.

The recipients of such congressional favors — whether they are cities, businesses or individuals — defend Wright's work on their behalf as public-spirited.

Others just call it pork barrel.

"From the standpoint of an individual district, it makes sense," said John Furejohn, a senior fellow at the Hoover Institute and the author of a book on pork barrel politics.

"From the standpoint of the nation as a whole, it doesn't."

Officials say the two grants are responsible for spurring hundreds of millions of dollars in development and restoration along the Main Street corridor during the last decade.

More recently, Wright arranged for two economic development grants for about \$11 million aimed at

the city's North Side and its financially strapped Stockyards area.

These recent economic development grants came under intense scrutiny because of the involvement of Fort Worth developer George Mallick's family in a plan to renovate the Stockyards. Mallick, at the time, was a partner with Wright in an in-

vestment company. He subsequently has withdrawn from the Stockyards project.

The money drew criticism from the head of the Economic Development Administration — Assistant Commerce Secretary Orson Swindle. In a speech in Fort Worth, Swindle — who later was rebuked by the late

Commerce Secretary Malcolm Baldrige — accused Wright of abusing his power and wasting tax dollars.

Fort Worth city officials now plan to use the money to rebuild streets and public works in the Stockyards.

And if someone considers the project pork barrel, Bolon said, at least "it's not pork barrel that will be

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Jim Wright Takes It All In Stride

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Sunday, August 7, 1988

If Republicans thought they could shake up Jim Wright with a House ethics committee investigation, they underestimated his Texas-sized survival instinct. Anyone observing the speaker of the House closely will find a man undeterred, even energized by opposition.

Last month, Wright went on a pre-planned trip to London and, according to confidential diplomatic cables from London to Washington, won over the British. Judging by the cables we have seen, U.S. ambassador to Great Britain Charlie Price seems ready to nominate Wright for knighthood. And remember that Price is a Reagan appointee and Wright the chief Democratic bogeyman.

Wright himself raised the issue of the ethics investigation once, Price reported, but "neither his recent publicity nor the close relationship between the Thatcher and Reagan governments seemed to detract from the warmth of Wright's welcome or the depth of the substantive discussions with British leaders of all parties."

Price noted that during Wright's trip, July 1 to 6, the speaker "met a 'Who's Who' of British politics," including Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher. Some of them tried to goad Wright into criticizing Reagan, but the speaker was on his best behavior. "In all his conversations, Wright pointed out the American tradition of refraining from partisan criticism of the administration while abroad," Price cabled.

The test of Wright's zipped lip was the accidental downing of an Iranian airliner by the United States, which occurred while Wright was in London. But Price reported that Wright held a press conference and "expressed his support for administration policy in the Gulf."

British Foreign Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe, in a private meeting with Wright, called the incident "an unavoidable mistake." Wright shelved any acid rejoinders and instead told a World War II story about his job on a B-24 crew identifying enemy aircraft. He once mistook an Italian-built plane, used by Japan, for an American P-38. He noticed his mistake, he said, when the Japanese plane started shooting.

Back home, Wright has continued to look like a man with the wind at his back, not with enemies in his face. Before the Democratic convention, Wright told us his goal as convention chairman was for the Democrats "to leave Atlanta arm-in-arm, united." Sources in the camps of nominee Michael Dukakis and challenger Jesse Jackson admitted that Wright played a key intermediary role in bringing the two together.

At the beginning, our sources say, Dukakis' people were out to prove they were in charge and were not going to be manipulated by Jackson. To some Democrats, it looked like the Dukakis staff was picking a fight with Jackson. Wright interceded, advising Dukakis and his people that

the trouble they were giving Jackson was unnecessary, even if they felt provoked.

Before the convention, Wright told us that he didn't "want it to look like a steamroller" had run over Jackson. Dukakis didn't have to do that, he added. "When you've got the votes, you can afford to be gentle and generous."

By several accounts, a turning point in the convention came when Wright's able political point man, John Mack, met with the Dukakis staff and told staffers their "take-charge" attitude was coming off all wrong. Jackson deserved cooperation.

Wright was so cozy in his role as party patriarch that his speech on national television looked like an off-the-cuff chat with America. It was. Wright carefully prepared a speech, but didn't have time to memorize it. He stood at the podium before one of the largest television audiences he is ever likely to face. The TelePrompTers began rolling the speech and, as Wright focused on them, his blinking was imperceptible to viewers. It wasn't his speech. Technicians were rolling the speech of Senate Majority Leader Robert Byrd.

Without missing a beat, Wright spoke off the top of his head, undistracted by the words on the TelePrompTer whizzing backward and forward as the technicians tried to catch up with him.

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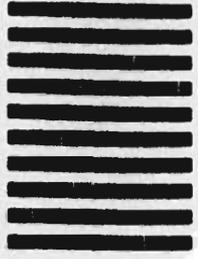
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FORT WORTH, TARRANT COUNTY SALUTE TO JIM WRIGHT

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FORT WORTH, Texas -- U. S. House Speaker Jim Wright will be honored by local citizens for his service to the people of the 12th Congressional District at a dinner, Tuesday, Oct. 11, at Will Rogers Coliseum, announced John McMillan, general chairman of the event.

"Now is the time to thank Jim for all he has done for us. No person has ever done more for his home town," McMillan said.

"We can never repay him for dedicating his life to public service on our behalf, but we can certainly show him and the world what his personal and untiring work for Texas and America mean to us," McMillan added.

The program will feature prominent Fort Worth and Tarrant County citizens, House colleagues of the Speaker -- both Democrats and Republicans -- and a special appearance by New York Governor Mario Cuomo.

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The non-partisan event is free and open to the public. There will be no fund-raising and no partisan speeches. Dinner service begins at 6:30 p.m., and the program at 7:30 p.m. Contributions to defray the costs of the event are being accepted by the more than 400-member Jim Wright Salute host committee. All monies collected are being used to pay expenses of the event itself. No dollars will be used for campaign purposes or other political purposes.

"Even with his demanding schedule as Speaker, Jim has never forgotten where he comes from. He always finds the time to work for and with the people who have elected him," McMillan said.

"Up until now we have only been able to stand by silently while Jim has had to face outrageous assaults on his personal character stimulated in part by election year politics.

"He certainly has been, by anyone's accounting, one of the most effective Congressman in the history of the United States," McMillan added. "Those of us who know him know Jim Wright is a man of total integrity."

The "Thanks Jim" Salute was originally scheduled for Sept. 23, but was changed to Tuesday, Oct. 11, due to the press of business in the U.S. Congress which made it impossible for Speaker Wright to be in Fort Worth on the original date.

For more information or to RSVP for the dinner call metro (817) 429-0062.

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IMPORTANT: Date change on "Thanks, Jim" event.

**We've Made a Change from Sept. 23
to Oct. 11 at Will Rogers Coliseum.**

Please mark your calendars for Tuesday, October 11, for the "Thanks, Jim" salute to honor our U.S. House Speaker Jim Wright. Although the invitation you received had a different date, everything else is the same.

TIME: Dinner service at 6:30 p.m. and program at 7:30 p.m.

PLACE: Will Rogers Coliseum

DATE: Tuesday, October 11, 1988

Due to the press of business in the U.S. Congress, Jim was unable to be in Fort Worth on our original date of September 23. By rescheduling the event, we were able to accommodate a group of Jim's colleagues and also New York Gov. Mario Cuomo, who have personally asked to be with us to help say "Thanks, Jim."

We look forward to seeing you on Tuesday, October 11, at 6:30 p.m.

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Jim Wright Salute
100 E. 15th St., Suite 320
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Date: October 5, 1988
To: All News Assignment Editors
From: Jim Wright Salute Host Committee
RE: Fort Worth, Texas-sized "Thanks, Jim" event
Tuesday, October 11, 1988

U.S. House Speaker Jim Wright will be honored for more than three decades of service to the people of the 12th Congressional District at a dinner Tuesday, Oct. 11, at Will Rogers Coliseum in Fort Worth, Texas. As many as 5,000 Fort Worth and Tarrant County residents are expected to attend.

Media coverage is welcomed by the local host committee because its members want everyone to know what Speaker Wright's on-going commitment and service to his district truly mean to his constituents.

"Even with his demanding schedule as Speaker, Jim has never forgotten where he comes from. He always finds the time to work for and with the people who have elected him," said John McMillan, general chairman of the event.

"Many citizens in Jim Wright's home state and hometown have been able only to stand by silently while Jim has had to endure politically motivated attacks on his personal character and integrity. Fort Worth wants to show Jim how much he is appreciated for all he has done as undisputably one of the most effective Congressmen in the history of the United States," said McMillan.

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The event is expected to be quite visual, with thousands of people showing their appreciation of the Speaker. The program will feature prominent local citizens and a special appearance by New York Governor Mario Cuomo. Speaker Wright will receive a special "surprise" presentation that will carry the signatures of thousands of his friends and supporters.

This is not a campaign event. More than 400 area residents are serving on the host committee for the non-partisan event. All contributions are defraying all related costs for the dinner and program; no dollars will be used for campaign purposes on behalf of Speaker Wright or any other candidate.

Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. with the program beginning at 7:30 p.m. For more information, or for help with any special needs or requests for interviews, please contact Dee Stewart at (817) 332-2972.

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Jim Wright Salute
100 E. 15th St., Suite 320
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October 7, 1988

Dear Host:

I am so pleased that you have joined me on the host committee for the Jim Wright Salute on Tuesday, October 11. Like me, you must be looking forward to an evening of fun and fellowship with Jim. As a member of the host committee, we want to recognize you that evening and express our thanks for your support and friendship.

Since there is no reserve seating or tickets issued to the general public, I am enclosing two colored cards which are numbered for you and your guest to give you access to the reserved area. Once you go through the buffet line, go to the roped-off reserved seating area where a volunteer will take your cards. In order to guarantee you a reserved place, we must ask that you and the other 450 hosts be in your seats by 7 p.m. If there are vacant seats in the reserved area after 7 p.m., they will be filled by the general public.

Thank you again for your help in making the Jim Wright Salute a memorable evening for all. If you have any questions about the event or the special seating, please call 332-2972. I'll see you next Tuesday night.

Sincerely,

John McMillan
General Chairman

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HON. JIM WRIGHT
OF FORT WORTH, TEXAS
SPEAKER, U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

On January 6, 1987, Jim Wright was sworn in as Speaker of the United States House of Representatives.

One of only 15 people to serve as Speaker during this century, Mr. Wright currently presides over the historic 100th Congress of the United States.

Jim Wright was born in Fort Worth, Texas, the city he represents in Congress today. He finished public school in 10 years and was on his way toward wrapping up college in three years when Pearl Harbor was attacked.

Enlisting in the Army Air Corps, Mr. Wright received his flyer's wings and a commission at 19. He flew combat missions in the South Pacific and holds the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Legion of Merit.

After the war, Mr. Wright was elected to the Texas Legislature at 23. At 26, he became the youngest Mayor in Texas when voters chose him to head the city government in Weatherford, his boyhood home. In 1953, he was President of the Texas League of Municipalities.

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Elected to Congress at 31, he presently is serving his 17th consecutive term and is the author of major legislation in the fields of foreign affairs, economic development, water conservation, education and energy. He served 10 years as Majority Leader before being elected Speaker.

A prolific writer, Mr. Wright has authored four widely acclaimed books: Reflections of a Public Man, You and Your Congressman, The Coming Water Famine and Of Swords and Plowshares, and collaborated with several colleagues on a fifth, Congress and Conscience. He has also written articles for major magazines and newspapers.

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MARIO M. CUOMO
Governor, State of New York

Biographical Information

Mario M. Cuomo was born to Andrea and Immaculata Cuomo on June 15, 1932. An alumnus of New York City public schools, Gov. Cuomo graduated summa cum laude from St. John's University in 1953. The Governor briefly played professional baseball in the Pittsburgh Pirates organization.

After graduating from St. John's University School of Law in 1956, he became confidential legal assistant to Judge Adrian P. Burke of the New York State Court of Appeals. Cuomo entered private law practice in 1958 and taught at St. John's Law School. He is the author of two books, including "Diaries of Mario M. Cuomo: The Campaign For Governor," an account of his 1982 gubernatorial race.

Gov. Hugh L. Carey appointed Cuomo Secretary of State in 1975 and he was elected New York's Lieutenant Governor in 1978. In 1982, he was elected Governor of New York. Four years later, he was reelected to a second term by a margin of 1.4 million votes, the highest gubernatorial plurality in the history of New York.

Gov. Cuomo's fundamental pledge was to provide jobs and justice for New Yorkers, and New York State has experienced a

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dynamic economic resurgence and significant progress in social and legal justice during his tenure.

For the first time in history, New York adopted truly balanced budgets. Wasteful government borrowing to meet operating expenses was ended, and a series of record income tax cuts were enacted, reducing every New Yorker's tax burden and removing hundreds of thousands of working poor from the tax rolls.

After quelling a prison riot without bloodshed within days of taking office, Cuomo launched a 17,000-cell expansion to address the problem of prison overcrowding. The Governor also added to the size and mission of the State Police, and toughened anti-drug laws.

Major legislation enacted during Gov. Cuomo's tenure include the nation's first acid rain law and first seat belt law. A life-saving increase in the State's minimum purchase age for alcohol was also enacted at the Governor's urging. He also won voter approval of a billion-dollar environmental bond issue to clean up hazardous waste sites.

In 1987, Cuomo's proposal for a National Economic Commission was signed into law by President Reagan. After the 1988 election, the bipartisan commission will make policy recommendations to the new president on the interrelated problems of the budget deficit, trade imbalance and Third World debt.

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Former U.N. Ambassador Jeane Kirkpatrick will speak on world trade later this mo.

Humane Society takes aim at consume.

Associated Press

DALLAS — In its toughest campaign ever against the multibillion-dollar fur garment industry, the Humane Society of the United States is targeting consumers who buy mink, fox and other pelts.

"You should be ashamed to wear fur" is this year's theme, publicized mainly on billboards. Three of the outdoor posters, on major highways around Fort Worth-Dallas, show a woman in a fur coat covering her face with her purse, and a small photograph

of a raccoon.

The Humane Society estimates that 27 million animals are killed each year by the fur industry, either on fur farms or by trapping.

Many of the farm-raised animals are treated inhumanely during their captivity and die excruciatingly by electrocution, clubbing, gassing and drowning, said Helen Mitternacht, a Humane Society spokeswoman in Washington.

"When they take wild animals and shove them into wire cages, they go cage-crazy," said Mitternacht. "They

resort to self-mutilation, cannibalism. When their fur is at its peak, they are killed by any means that doesn't damage the fur."

For years, the Humane Society and other groups have criticized the killing of minks, foxes and other animals for their pelts. But never has a campaign been so purposely directed at the consumer.

"Our hope is that by tying everything together at about the same time of year and building momentum, we will get the message out to the public that wear-

ing fur is a shameful act and animals their lives, not for necessity simply for the style of the fur," Meade, director of the Humane Society's Gulf States Office in Christi.

Cile Holloway of Dallas, a member of the advisory board of the Animal Protection Society of Texas, said several likely will occur this fall outside fur shops.

She said the Friday after Thanksgiving has been dubbed "Fur-Free" and is a likely day for demon-

Fort Worth fans of Jim Wright to salute him today

By JAMES WALKER
Fort Worth Star-Telegram

House Speaker Jim Wright, for a change, can expect to hear nothing but nice things said about him tonight.

Wright, nearing the end of a controversy-filled first term as speaker, will be feted at 6:30 p.m. with a salute from the people of his 12th Congressional District.

New York Gov. Mario Cuomo will be the featured speaker, and more than 5,000 people are expected to attend the "Jim Wright Salute" at Will Rogers Coliseum.

Organizers of the event have billed it as a non-partisan event with several local Republicans participating. Texas Republican Gov. Bill Clements is scheduled to deliver one of the many tributes to Wright during the evening.

The bipartisan support for the event is ironic because Wright has become a lightning rod for criticism by Republicans in the last year.

Republicans have accused Wright of ethical improprieties, and GOP congressional members forced an investigation by the House ethics committee that has wounded him personally and politically.

Wright's involvement in Central American policy also has come under fire, and he has enraged GOP members with a personal style that has been described as arrogant and irritating.

Wright's local backers annually stage one of these salutes to the Fort Worth lawmaker, but supporters



Jim Wright: His 1st term as speaker is nearing its end

said they wanted this year's to be special in view of Wright's difficult times.

"Many citizens in Jim Wright's home state and hometown have been able to only stand by silently while Jim has had to endure politically motivated attacks on his personal character and integrity," said John McMillan, the general chairman of the event.

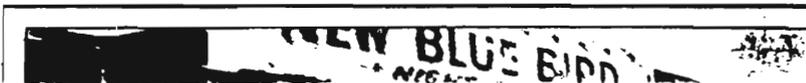
"Fort Worth wants to show Jim how much he is appreciated for all he has done as undisputedly one of the most effective congressmen in the history of the United States."

The glowing praise Wright can expect to hear tonight should help his spirits. In an interview with the Star-Telegram that was published (More on WRIGHT on next page)



Lanita Martin embraces her daughter Kristin after the girl's rescue

Priest eulogizes slain altar boy.



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Fire

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outside the smoldering home.

The Fire Department is using Fire Prevention Week to renew its urging that all residents have operable smoke alarms.

Knight said the child's death yesterday was the first known fire fatality in Fort Worth in which a smoke alarm was working — and that only served to intensify fire officials' prediction that others in the house would have perished if they were not awakened by the alarm.

The Fire Department is asking Fort Worth residents to indicate they have checked their smoke alarms by lighting porch lights or driving with headlights on during the day.

The boy is the 13th person to die in fires in Fort Worth this year.

The smoke alarm, situated on a wall

over the door to the children's bedroom, sounded loudly, said Fire Department spokesman Butch Hall.

"Witnesses said they heard the thing going off and it woke up the rest of the house," Hall said. "This thing could have been a lot worse."

Knight said McCullough woke first, ran down the hall and opened the door to the children's room. He literally tossed Kristin down the hallway, where 13-year-old Nina Cox picked up her sister and took her outside to safety.

But the heat, smoke and flames prevented McCullough from saving the boy.

The blaze was so hot that although flames did not reach most of the living room, several items there — including a baby carriage — were badly melted.

Investigators hope to know more later today about the cause of the blaze, which drew four fire trucks and 18 firefighters.

The dead child's mother, Lanita Martin, was in good condition last night at Harris, where she was being

treated for smoke inhalation. The other occupants were not reported to be injured, authorities said.

The boy's father, Timothy Martin Sr., was weeping as friends and relatives consoled him in front of the house while firefighters finished dousing the blaze.

He and McCullough work for Tandy Transportation Inc.

The Martins' next-door neighbor, Mrs. R.E. Griffin, said she heard no explosion or other noises until a woman pounded on her door and told her to call the Fire Department.

She said that when she looked out her window, she saw plenty of smoke but no flames.

The Martins had rented the house on the corner of Northeast 31st Street for about a year, but Griffin said she did not know much about them. The owner of the house was reported to be out of state.

The Red Cross has found temporary lodging for the family.

Wright

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Sunday, Wright admitted he was hurt by the criticism and insults of the last year.

"Nobody likes to be berated, to have his honor impugned and his reputation attacked," he said.

In Wright's first term as speaker, the Democratic-controlled House has achieved legislative successes in the areas of housing, education, welfare and trade.

But in winning those successes, Wright alienated Republicans with a confrontational, hands-on style.

The first major rupture of relations between the speaker and the Republicans was in October of last year when Wright held a roll call open for 10 minutes to give Democrats a one-vote majority on a \$12.3 billion tax bill.

Wright's action was within House rules, but Republicans blasted it as "anarchy and tyranny."

Wright also broke with tradition with his active involvement in seeking a solution to hostilities in Nicaragua and elsewhere in Central America. Republicans accused him of an incursion into foreign policy areas that were the rightful province of the president.

Partisan politics in the House grew nastier and more volatile than they had been in years.

This summer, drawing primarily from news articles, the Republicans filed a complaint with the House ethics committee, officially known as the House Committee on Standards and Official Conduct. The committee is in-

vestigating six accusations made against Wright, including improper use of his influence as speaker and misconduct in his outside financial dealings.

Statements by Wright in September about CIA activity in Nicaragua prompted more outrage from Republicans, and last week the ethics committee authorized a second, less formal, inquiry into whether the speaker revealed classified information.

In all cases, Wright has repeatedly said he did nothing wrong.

The constant furor, while dispiriting to Wright, has not seemed to hurt his standing with the people of his district.

Republicans did not field an opponent against him this election year, and organizers of tonight's salute lined up more than 400 backers, including some of the most prominent names in Fort Worth, to serve as the host committee.

(However, former Tarrant County GOP Chairman Jim Ryan recently announced he will be a write-in candidate against Wright.)

"Even with his demanding schedule as speaker, Jim has never forgotten where he comes from," McMillan said. "He always finds the time to work for and with the people who have elected him."

Wright's influence has been largely responsible for Tarrant County's ability to withstand economic hard times better than other portions of the state.

A Dallas Morning News analysis this summer of federal spending for the fiscal years 1986 and 1987 detailed that

influence.

The study showed that in 1986 Tarrant County collected \$5.5 billion in federal money, an average of \$5,481 per person, the top ranking of any metropolitan area in the country.

Tarrant County dropped to No. 4 per capita nationally in 1987 with \$4.4 billion or \$4,030 per person, but recently awarded military contracts could reestablish the county as the nation's biggest benefactor of federal spending.

Clements has refrained from joining the Republican attacks on Wright and has often characterized the controversy surrounding the speaker as "much ado about nothing."

The governor and Wright have recently worked closely on Texas' bid to win the Superconducting Super Collider project.

In addition to Cuomo and Clements, other speakers on the program are Democratic Rep. Jack Brooks of Beaumont, Fort Worth Mayor Bob Bolen and Wright.

Folk humorist John Henry Faulk will be the master of ceremonies.

Several of Wright's other House colleagues are expected to attend.

The affair begins with a free dinner at 6:30, and the program is scheduled to start at 7:30. Anyone can attend.

The host committee is footing the cost of the salute, and organizers stressed that it is not a campaign event. All contributions are to go toward defraying costs for the dinner and program.



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HEADLINE NEWS

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Amid controversy, Wright comes home to thanks, praise



New York Gov. Mario Cuomo gets into the Cowtown spirit while taking part in festivities last night for House Speaker Jim Wright

Friends turn out to pay tributes

By JAMES WALKER
Fort Worth Star-Telegram

House Speaker Jim Wright got a night off from controversy yesterday and spent it soaking up expressions of love and admiration from more than 9,000 of his staunchest supporters and colleagues.

The Fort Worth lawmaker came home yesterday for the latest in what have become yearly tributes to his accomplishments in almost 34 years in Congress.

But this year's Jim Wright Tribute at Will Rogers Coliseum came after a year of intense and almost constant criticism of Wright by

Republicans and the embarrassment of being the subject of an investigation by the House ethics committee.

Wright's supporters and organizers of the event were determined that there would be no doubt how Fort Worth felt about the congressman.

Republican Gov. Bill Clements, House colleague Jack Brooks of Beaumont, Fort Worth Mayor Bob Bolen and folk humorist John Henry Faulk heaped praise upon Wright, listing in detail his accomplishments on behalf of Fort Worth, Tarrant County, Texas and the country.

New York Gov. Mario Cuomo, the featured speaker, then offered a stirring tribute to Wright, calling him a "great American" and telling the crowd that he was envious of how much Wright has done for the people of the 12th Congressional District.

Wright, who was the final speaker of the evening, said he considered himself to be a rich man.

"No, not in material wealth," he said. "But rich in things that matter more."

"How many people do you know who've been allowed to do in life exactly what they've (More on WRIGHT on Page 7)

U.S. sent Latin America aircraft for

WASHINGTON — The United States has provided 142 aircraft to other countries over the last decade for the interception and eradication of illegal drugs, the State Department said today.

More than half went to Mexico. "Facing growing violence from cocaine traffickers in their own countries, the governments of Latin America are fighting back," the department said in a statement.

These countries are building rural mobile

police units, eradicating coca plantations and looking for new crops for peasant growers, it said.

"The U.S. government is working with a number of Latin American governments to build up their own capabilities for eradication and interdiction," the statement issued by the press office said. "We are committed to helping these governments and will continue to provide training and equipment."

Two years ago, Congress required that U.S. airplanes and helicopters used on anti-drug

missions remain under U.S. ownership. Previously, American planes would be turned over to other countries to use in their campaigns against narcotics.

United States presence in the Latin American drug wars is being stepped up.

Bolivia has mounted machine guns on six U.S. helicopters under a drug-fighting contract with the Pentagon.

Peru and Guatemala have hired American civilian pilots.

Americans are flying five helicopters in Peru

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Fort Worth salutes its own! 10,000 honor speaker Jim Wright



U. S. House Speaker Jim Wright, who has represented Fort Worth in Washington for more than half of his life, was honored Tuesday night by more than 10,000 people attending a non-partisan dinner at Will Rogers Coliseum. The appreciation event was attended by Republicans, Democrats and political independents who were eager to give their public thanks to the 12th District congressman. More than 400 men and women co-hosted the event with general chairman John McMillan, chairman of Coors Distributing Co. Pictured lower left is U. S. Rep. Jack Brooks of Beaumont, humorist John Henry Faulk, Wright, Texas Gov. Bill Clements and Fort Worth Mayor Bob Bolen. In the lower right photo is New York Gov. Mario Cuomo, Wright and Texas House Speaker Gib Lewis.



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FW 'Acropolis' parking dies

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the city's diadem.

"One thing we can be proud of," I can still recall her saying, "is that Fort Worth is unique in that people attending our museums can park free."

Well, the sad news is that Fort Worth is about to lose its

See "Parking" on page 3A

Has crime peaked? Police are hopi

By JOE BELL

Police Chief Thomas Windham hopes Fort Worth's scary, eight-year spiral of crime—up 60 per cent since 1980—has finally peaked.

For the first time in years, the city has moved into the "minus column" with crime down a fraction of a percent.

"I hope it has peaked out," the chief said, "but you can't tell about crime."

"If it has (peaked) you can credit a lot of reasons. Community-based efforts, neighbo

ANALYSIS

Fort Worth's police department has more than doubled.

In 1980, when the crime threat began to build, taxpayers paid out \$23.32 million for police protection while 48,492 criminal offenses were reported.

Last year, crimes within the city had zoomed to 77,563 and the police had become a \$50.68 million operation—more than twice the budget eight years ear

If thefts decrease, Windham believes that the city's crime fighting statistics would be more impressive.

"Thefts are driving the crime rate up," the chief said. "We are not protecting our own property enough."

Reported rape also is increasing, with 367 cases reported in the first nine months of this year compared to 332 for the same period last year.

THE STATISTICS are not pretty, but Windham is conf

AND NOT BY as the figures can you crime rates to lower gets. His police needs more, he said, n Two years ago, Win gested a plan to the C for adding 100 additi officers annually for fi He projected this p has been funded oiv would provide Fort W approximately 2.5 ficers for every 1,000

the first new plans proposed by the transit agency since area voters derailed a plan for a 9.3-mile light-rail system last June.

"DART is viewing itself as a manager of mobility," Anderson said. "Any way we can increase the mobility of people in automobiles, buses or other ways, we need to pursue it."

Within a year, the agency could build bus-only lanes through downtown Dallas and along six-lane divided city streets, bus bypass ramps around toll booths and traffic signal preemption systems for buses along some routes, he said.

Within two to five years and with state highway department cooperation, DART could have express "diamond" bus and car-pool lanes along East R.L. Thornton Freeway (Interstate 30), LBJ Freeway (Inter- please see DART on Page 25A.



The Dallas Morning News: John F. Rhodes

Back in business

A Beechcraft Bonanza starts its takeoff from the Hockaday School grounds Tuesday. Freeman Ford, a California industrialist, was forced to land there Monday when the plane's engine failed.

cal problems to the escalating cost of financing the county's criminal justice system.

Until this year, each year Ms. Dyga has been on the job the county has either decreased its tax rate or left it unchanged. The county's surplus reserves — the year's ending balance — skyrocketed during her tenure from \$19.3 million in 1983 to \$75.7 million for fiscal 1988.

But as tension mounted over the county's fiscal problems this year, commissioners found themselves locked in a series of squabbles with state district judges, hospital administrators, Sheriff's Department officials, the district attorney's office and Ms. Dyga.

For some time, some commissioners had been critical of Ms. Dyga's openness with the media. Even though it became obvious months ago that the county Please see COMMUNICATION on Page 25A.

9,500 turn out in Fort Worth to salute Wright

By Dan Malone

Fort Worth Bureau of The Dallas Morning News

FORT WORTH — House Speaker Jim Wright may be embattled in Washington, but in his hometown he remains as popular as a good rodeo.

An estimated 9,500 people — almost double the 5,000 that had been expected — filled Will Rogers Coliseum on Tuesday night for what sponsors described as a non-partisan salute to the man who has

represented Fort Worth in Congress for more than three decades.

Wright was praised by New York Gov. Mario Cuomo, a fellow Democrat, and Texas Gov. Bill Clements, a Republican.

"Jim Wright goes far beyond Fort Worth, Tarrant County or even the great state of Texas," Cuomo said. "He's helped build roads and bridges from one coast to another. He's helped protect water supplies from Canada to the Gulf Coast."

Although Wright was being honored, Cuomo apparently was the crowd favorite. After Cuomo finished speaking and Wright began, hundreds of people began filling out of the coliseum.

Clements praised Wright for his help in bringing federal projects to Texas and for his help on the Superconducting Super Collider, which the state is trying to win.

"Thank you, thank you, thank you

again for all the help you have given for the Super Collider we're going to get in Waxahachie," Clements said.

Wright has showered his hometown with tens of billions of dollars in federal contracts, jobs and grants — a practice that has led some to call Fort Worth the "pork barrel capital of America."

John McMillan, chairman of the event, said sponsors expected to spend about Please see WRIGHT on Page 24A.

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FRONT PAGE OF METROPOLITAN SECTION

n nurses plan to 'capture the spirit' in

the theme for the convention is "Capture the Spirit." That, of course, refers to spirit and drive that rehab nurses must put patients through rigorous tests. Sometimes the patients inherit the spirit from the nurses, and sometimes the nurses inherit it from the patients.

Outside of the convention, there'll be attempts to capture the spirit Friday at the Circle R Ranch in Lewisville, where the nurses can sample barbecue, go on a hayride, learn square-dancing and the story of *Joe* and, says Ms. Tribe, "act up and tie calves. This is what the farmer up north said they wanted to do. Do you believe it?"

They can actually scramble for a prize if they so desire — and if you've ever jumped onto a rodeo arena floor after the rodeo has enjoyed a frolic, then you know rehabilitation is something your boots can't handle. Other nights this week, conven-

tioners will visit the State Fair of Texas, the Cadillac Bar and the Belle Starr nightclub. With all that walking and boot scootin', there may be some long-term rehab in order here.

During business hours, the nurses will hear various professionals discussing trends. Some of the topics include "Dealing With Difficult Families," "Nursing Research: Key to a True Profession," and "Psychosocial Adaptation to Physical Disability and Chronic Illness." They'll also be able to tour Baylor Rehab and the Dallas Rehabilitation Institute.

The convention's keynote speaker Thursday will be Cathryne Welch, executive director of the Foundation of the New York Nurses' Association.

There'll be a warm-up act preceding Ms. Welch's address, Ms. Tribe says. While she can't disclose the identity of the official greeter, here's a hint: He's a Dallas fellow

who's often been nationally recognized as being desperately in need of rehabilitation of some sort. Oh, maybe you can guess.

AT LARGE: A headline in the newsletter of the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District reported "Experiment Station schedules field day." Sounds like a Texas Rangers game. . . . Along the same lines, the DART Baseball Coach recorded 34,978 boardings during the 1988 Rangers season. Last year's coaches, begun in mid-season, carried about 16,000. Dallas Area Rapid Transit figures the coach generated \$50,000 in Rangers ticket sales. DART also says the riders accounted for about \$20,000 at the concession stand. Let's see, if my wallet and I can summon the painful memories, at Arlington Stadium prices, \$20,000 accounts for three hot dogs, a bag of peanuts, a soft drink and a beer in a souvenir cup.

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Wright honored at FW salute

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\$40,000 for the tribute.

Wright supporters say he led Congress to approve appropriation bills in record time and made progress on key housing, trade and education legislation.

But publicity about his achievements has been diminished by reports about a House ethics committee investigation of Wright's business dealings and use of influence.

Ethics committee investigators are trying to determine whether Wright used improper influence on behalf of troubled Texas financial institutions and whether he improperly benefited from the publication of his book *Reflections of a Public Man*.

Wright referred to the investiga-



The Dallas Morning News: J. Mark Kepans

New York Gov. Mario Cuomo (left) and House Speaker Jim Wright arrive at a salute to Wright Tuesday in Fort Worth.

tion during his speech.

"Dan Quayle boasted in the debate last week that he is the most investigated candidate ever to seek public office. . . . I wonder if he would settle for second-most investigated," Wright said, referring to the Indiana senator who is the GOP vice

presidential nominee.

Democratic U.S. Rep. Jack Brooks, dean of the Texas congressional delegation, said Wright has "weathered the storm with dignity and honor and more good humor than most of us could muster under the circumstances."

DISD asbestos data to be reviewed

By Joseph Garcia

Staff Writer of The Dallas Morning News

School Superintendent Marvin

said he does not expect to find other schools in which asbestos removal efforts were inadequate.

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Re: MUR 2803
The Honorable Jim Wright

Dear Ms. Miller:

Enclosed please find the response of the Honorable Jim Wright to the complaint in MUR 2803. Should you have any questions or desire any additional information, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,



Eric F. Kleinfeld
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Enclosure

Statement of Facts

Jim Wright was first elected to the House of Representatives thirty four years ago in 1954 at the age of 31. During the more than three decades he has been in the House, Mr. Wright has faithfully, loyally and enthusiastically served the residents of the twelfth district of Texas. Even while ascending through the House leadership to the position of Majority Leader and then Speaker, he has always placed primary emphasis in his congressional office on listening to and meeting the concerns of all of his constituents.

It seemed to Mr. Wright entirely natural when a group of his supporters and constituents approached him in 1988 concerning the "Thanks Jim Salute." He was completing his seventeenth term and his first as House Speaker, and those persons wanted to thank him for all the years of service which he had devoted to representing Fort Worth in the Congress.

Those supporters, collectively known as the "Thanks Jim Host Committee" wanted to organize a non-partisan non-campaign-related event open to the public, so that all persons in the district could honor Jim Wright and show their appreciativeness. It was decided that the most effective vehicle for that purpose was a large Texas-style dinner, including entertainment, which would be open to the public. There was no intention or consideration that this event have any connection or relationship to a campaign.

After Jim Wright indicated his support, the event was planned and carried out by the Host Committee. Invitations for the event were distributed throughout the area with the following language:

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You are invited to attend a memorable evening of fun and fellowship to show Jim how much we appreciate his continuous hard work and loyalty to us.

Join us for this historic occasion and show to the world that we are proud of all the many things that Jim has done for us out of his love for his fellow Texans, his hometown and his strong sense of duty to represent us and our interests to the very best of his abilities.

The invitation went on to state that the dinner is free. No money was requested, suggested or solicited. Additionally, the invitation made no reference at all to Jim Wright's campaign or election; no exhortation of election-related support was anywhere apparent on the printed material.

After months of planning, the dinner was held on October 11, 1988. Approximately 10,000 individuals attended. No admission was charged, and no money was raised from those in attendance. The attendees heard speeches of a bi-partisan nature, that is, from speakers of both the Democratic and Republican parties.

The two featured and most prominent speakers were Mario Cuomo, the Democratic Governor of New York, and Bill Clements, the Republican Governor of Texas. The sole purpose of the speeches was to praise Jim Wright for his past congressional service, to honor him for his many years of dedication, and to thank him for his loyalty to Fort Worth. None of the speeches were related to the 1988 campaign, and none of the speakers urged the audience either to vote for or to contribute money to Mr. Wright's campaign.

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Discussion

a. Allegations

Complainant has alleged two violations of the Act against Jim Wright:

(3) James C. Wright, Jr. failed to designate in writing that the Thanks Jim Host Committee, or the Jim Wright Salute Fund, was an authorized committee of candidate Wright in violation of 2 U.S.C. § 432(e)(1); and

(7) James C. Wright, Jr. knowingly accepted contributions in violation of the provisions of 2 U.S.C. § 441a.

As set forth below, it is clear that complainant's allegations have no merit, as all of the activities in connection with the Jim Wright Salute were permissible and proper, and more importantly, outside the jurisdiction of the Act.

b. The Act and Advisory Opinions

Each candidate for federal office must designate in writing a political committee to serve as a principal campaign committee, and may designate other authorized committees, as he or she chooses. See 2 U.S.C. § 432(e)(1). According to the regulations promulgated by the FEC, an "authorized committee" means any committee which has been authorized by a federal candidate to receive contributions or make expenditures on behalf of such candidate, or has not been disavowed by the candidate. 11 CFR § 100.5(f)(1).

The term "contribution" means

any gift, subscription, loan, advance, or deposit of money or anything of value made by any person for the purpose of influencing any election for Federal office. 2 U.S.C. § 431(8)(a)(i).

Similarly, the term "expenditure" means

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any purchase, payment, distribution, loan, advance, deposit, or gift of money or anything of value, made by any person for the purpose of influencing any election for Federal office. 2 U.S.C. § 431(9)(a)(i).

As the Commission has recognized from its very inception, to trigger the Act, and specifically, the definitions of contribution or expenditure, a certain activity must be for the purpose of influencing a federal election. Where activities are conducted for the purpose of influencing a federal election, the Act, in most cases, will apply; where activities are not for the purpose of influencing a federal election, the Act is inapplicable, and the Commission has no jurisdiction.

In analyzing whether a particular activity has been conducted for the purpose of influencing a federal election, the FEC has, in the past, adopted a two-pronged test:

- (1) are contributions solicited, made or received in connection with the event; and
- (2) does the event expressly advocate the election or defeat of a federal candidate.

See Advisory Opinion 1973-4, Fed. Election Camp. Fin. Guide, (CCH) ¶ 5293 (February 24, 1978). In that Advisory Opinion, the Commission addressed a nearly identical event at which a committee "of a large group of people" desired to sponsor a banquet honoring an incumbent Congressman in a non-profit, non-partisan salute. The Commission concluded that

. . . expenses incident thereto would not be contributions and expenditures under the Act and thus would not require the Committee to register and report as a "political committee."

Such an event was considered by the FEC to be a bona fide testimonial activity where (1) no political contributions are solicited, made or received, and (2) the event does not involve

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any communication addressed to the attendees as a group which expressly advocates the honoree's election, or the defeat of another candidate, to federal office. Moreover, the Commission adopted this conclusion based on the representation of the opinion requestor that the event would not be for the purpose of influencing any federal election.

c. Application to Jim Wright Salute

Here, neither Speaker Wright nor the event organizers intended the Salute to be for the purpose of influencing Mr. Wright's election. Quite the contrary, from all evidence, the ostensible and sole purpose of the event was a non-partisan testimonial dinner thanking Jim Wright. More importantly, as stated above the Jim Wright Salute complied strictly with the conditions set forth by the FEC in AO 1978-4. Where, as here, an event is conducted in the absence of the solicitation of contributions and the express advocacy of a federal election, it cannot be said to be for the purpose of influencing a federal election. No contributions were solicited, made or received either at or in connection with the Jim Wright Salute. None of the speakers at the dinner asked for contributions to Jim Wright's campaign. The Speaker himself did not solicit any person, either in his remarks or individually, for any contributions.

Additionally, no express advocacy of the Speaker's re-election occurred either at or in connection with the Salute. Simply put, there was no electioneering in connection with the dinner. None of the speakers exhorted support for Mr. Wright's re-election, or for that matter encouraged the audience to vote. The election and

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campaign were not mentioned. No campaign literature or materials appeared at the dinner.

The complaint is entirely without evidence supporting its allegations that any violations of the Act occurred. Instead, complainant would have the Commission conclude by virtue of the fact that "speeches of praise" were given twenty-eight days before the general election, that the dinner must have been a campaign event. However, complainant omits several crucial facts. First, the presence and speech by the Republican Governor of Texas, Bill Clements. Certainly, Governor Clements would not participate in an event of this type, unless it was truly non-partisan. Presumably, the Governor would not wish to assist Jim Wright or any Democrat, so close to the date of an election, especially in the year of a presidential election.

More importantly, however, Jim Wright had no opponent in 1988, in either the primary or general elections. His was the only name qualified for the ballot from the twelfth congressional district of Texas. Given that Jim Wright was running unopposed, and the lack of any evidence in the complaint, it must be concluded that the Jim Wright Salute is what it appears on its face: a non-profit, non-partisan testimonial to a Congressman.

(i) no violation of § 432

Therefore, under the reasoning of AO 1978-4, the persons sponsoring the Jim Wright Salute were not a "political committee" as defined by the Act, and as such, were not required to register and report with the Commission. Because those persons were not a federal political committee, and because they were not receiving or making contributions or expenditures in connection with Jim

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Wright's re-election, the Speaker was not required to designate those persons as an authorized committee under Section 432, nor was he required to disavow their activity.

(ii) no violation of § 441a(f)

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Additionally, under the analysis presented above, the money spent for the expenses of the Salute were neither expenditures on behalf of, nor contributions to, the re-election of Jim Wright. Therefore, any sums so spent would not be aggregated with any contributions that those individuals may have made. All persons who assisted in sponsoring the event were also permitted to contribute to the Speaker's principal campaign committee, the Wright Appreciation Committee, under the limits of the Act. Similarly, all attendees of the event could have permissibly contributed to the Wright Appreciation Committee in accordance with the limits of the Act. Because the amounts spent by the dinner sponsors are not aggregated with the amounts those persons may have contributed to the Speaker's re-election, the dinner could not have given rise to the acceptance of any excessive contributions by Mr. Wright, or more specifically, by the Wright Appreciation Committee. Accordingly, no violation of 2 U.S.C. § 441a occurred.

(iii) no other violations

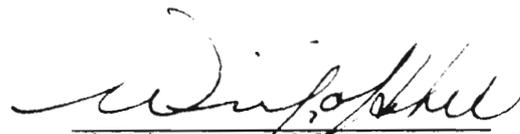
While the other allegations contained in the complaint are not directed toward Jim Wright individually, it should be noted that a reasoning similar to that discussed above, also applies. That is, because the Host Committee was not accepting or making contributions or expenditures for the purpose of influencing a federal election, and therefore did not have to register and

report, there could also be no acceptance of corporate or union contributions in violation of 2 U.S.C. § 441b, as well as no failure to include a disclaimer on the invitations, in violation of 2 U.S.C. § 441d.

Conclusion

Accordingly, for the reasons stated above, the honorable Jim Wright seeks to have the complaint in MUR 2803 dismissed in its entirety. The glaring lack of evidence or support for the allegations contained in the complaint make it appear to be nothing more than another political attack upon the Speaker. None of the allegations have any merit or basis in fact, and the exact circumstances complained of have been previously considered by the Commission and deemed permissible and proper. Therefore, Speaker Jim Wright respectfully requests that the Commission find no reason to believe that he violated any provision of the Federal Election Campaign Act and close this matter.

Respectfully submitted,



William C. Oldaker
Eric F. Kleinfeld
Manatt, Phelps, Rothenberg
& Phillips

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
999 E Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20463

FIRST GENERAL COUNSEL'S REPORT

MUR # 2803
DATE COMPLAINT RECEIVED
BY OGC: 1/3/89
DATE OF NOTIFICATION TO
RESPONDENTS: 1/11/89
STAFF MEMBER: C. Miller

COMPLAINANTS: Peter T. Flaherty, Chairman
Conservative Campaign Fund

RESPONDENTS: Honorable Jim Wright
Thanks Jim Host Committee
John McMillan, General Chairman
Bob Bolan
George Ann Carter
L.B. George
James Leggett
Viola Pitts
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RELEVANT STATUTES: 2 U.S.C. § 432(e)(1)
 2 U.S.C. § 433
 2 U.S.C. § 434
 2 U.S.C. § 441a
 2 U.S.C. § 441b
 2 U.S.C. § 441d
 2 U.S.C. § 437g(d)(1)(a)

INTERNAL REPORTS CHECKED: Public Records

FEDERAL AGENCIES CHECKED: None

I. GENERATION OF MATTER

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 A complaint was filed by the Conservative Campaign Fund, alleging that an event known as the Jim Wright Salute was held prior to the 1988 General Election, in order to influence the election of Jim Wright and was in violation of several sections of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended (the Act). According to complainant, the Jim Wright Salute, also called the Thanks Jim Salute, was held on October 11, 1988, and was attended by approximately 10,000 people. There was no admission fee.

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 Complainant asserts that the event was a campaign rally for Wright; that the funds solicited to sponsor the event were contributions which in some cases would be prohibited as excessive or corporate contributions; that the sponsoring committee, the Thanks Jim Host Committee, is a political committee which has failed to register and report as required; that invitations to the event failed to include required disclaimers; that Jim Wright failed to list the Thanks Jim Host Committee as an authorized committee; that Jim Wright accepted

the contributions used to sponsor the event; and that all of this was done knowingly and willfully by both Wright and the Thanks Jim Host Committee. See Complaint (circulated January 4, 1989).

Responses have been received from the Thanks Jim Host Committee and from Congressman Wright. (Attachments 1 and 2). Both argue that the purpose of the rally was to show appreciation for Wright's work for the Fort Worth area and not for the purpose of influencing an election. They note that Wright was basically unopposed in the General Election, except for two write-in candidates, and therefore there was no need to influence the election. They point out that the event was testimonial in nature and that it included notable speakers from both parties. According to respondents, no solicitations for contributions were made during the event or in the literature advertising the event.

II. FACTUAL AND LEGAL ANALYSIS

Pursuant to 2 U.S.C. § 431(8)(A), a contribution includes any gift, deposit of money or anything of value made by any person for the purpose of influencing any election for Federal office. A political committee is any committee which receives contributions aggregating in excess of \$1,000 during a calendar year or makes expenditures aggregating in excess of \$1,000 during a calendar year. 2 U.S.C. § 431(4)(A). Political committees are required to register by filing a Statement of Organization within 10 days of becoming a political committee,

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2 U.S.C. § 433, and are required to report all receipts and expenditures periodically, 2 U.S.C. § 434.

The Act prohibits corporations from making contributions or expenditures in connection with any federal election and prohibits candidates from knowingly accepting such contributions. 2 U.S.C. § 441b(a). The Act also limits individual contributions to \$1,000 per election and prohibits candidates from knowingly accepting contributions in excess of this amount. 2 U.S.C. §§ 441a(a)(1)(A) and 441a(f).

An authorized committee is any committee which has been authorized by the candidate to make expenditures or accept contributions on behalf of the candidate. 2 U.S.C. § 431(6). Section 432(e) allows a candidate to designate additional authorized committees, but such designation must be filed in writing with the principal campaign committee, which must compile and report all contributions accepted by and all disbursements made by the additional committee.

The Commission has considered whether public appearances by candidates at events such as testimonials and constituent service activities are campaign-related in several advisory opinions. See e.g. Advisory Opinions 1988-22, 1986-26. Advisory Opinion 1988-22 held that events involving the active participation of a candidate would be viewed as campaign-related if the event involved solicitation of political contributions or express advocacy of a candidate's election or defeat; however, the absence of solicitation and

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express advocacy will not preclude a determination that public appearances are campaign-related. See also AOs 1981-37, 1980-89.

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It appears that the Thanks Jim Salute was testimonial in nature and not campaign-related. The Salute apparently did not contain solicitations or express advocacy and there does not appear to have been any other factors giving rise to a conclusion that it was campaign-related. Attendees of the event were not charged an admission fee, and, according to affidavits provided to the Commission, no solicitations for contributions were made in connection with the event, from either Host Committee members or attendees of the event. Media releases concerning the event stressed that this was "not a campaign event," that there would be "no fundraising and no partisan speeches," and that none of the funds collected would "be used for campaign purposes or other political purposes." Likewise, the head of the public relations firm that organized the event maintains, in her affidavit, that all funds collected to sponsor the event were utilized only to pay the costs of the event itself.

There also is no evidence that the event expressly advocated the election of Wright. On the contrary, invitations and publicity for the event do not contain any statements of express advocacy, but rather appear to focus solely on "honor[ing] our hometown Congressman...for all his years of public service and dedication..." The event appears, from the

content of the invitations and press releases, to have been designed to show support for Wright in light of the then-pending ethics investigation by the House Committee on Standards and Official Conduct. Respondents insist that there were no campaign-related speeches or activities at the event; this is supported by the sworn statement of the firm that organized the event, and by newspaper articles following the event. While certainly not dispositive, the presence of speakers from both political parties, noted in several newspapers, supports respondent's contention that the event was testimonial.

Because the event appears not to have been campaign-related, but was instead only testimonial, funds collected in connection with the event are not contributions. Therefore, the Thanks Jim Host Committee did not become a political committee with an obligation to register and report. The Thanks Jim Host Committee also would not be deemed an authorized committee of the candidate. As the funds were not contributions to Jim Wright's authorized committee, there was no failure to report on behalf of the candidate's committee. Finally, because invitations to the event did not contain express advocacy, no disclaimers were required.

III. RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Find no reason to believe that the Thanks Jim Host Committee, John McMillan, General Chairman, Bob Bolan, George Ann Carter, L.B. George, James Leggett, Viola Pitts, Gordon Appleman, Taylor Gandy, Jerry Murad, Gene Wood, Roger Williams, Max Eubank, Marvin Gearhart, Rudy Pulido, Vernell Sturns, Louis

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Zapata, Keith Kahle, George Mallick, Perry R. Bass, Jerry Bawcon, Felix Ankele, Kay Day, Thomas H. Law, John Blinn, and Jim Nichols violated the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended, on the basis of the complaint in MUR 2803.

- 2. Find no reason to believe that Jim Wright violated the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended, on the basis of the complaint in MUR 2803.
- 3. Approve the attached letters.
- 4. Close the file.

Lawrence M. Noble
General Counsel

6-19-89
Date

BY: 
Lois G. Lerner
Associate General Counsel

Attachments

- 1. Response from Wright
- 2. Response from the Thanks Jim Host Committee
- 3. Proposed letters

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

MEMORANDUM

TO: LAWRENCE M. NOBLE
GENERAL COUNSEL

FROM: MARJORIE W. EMMONS / JOSHUA MCFADDEN
COMMISSION SECRETARY

DATE: JUNE 22, 1989

SUBJECT: OBJECTIONS TO MUR 2803 - FIRST G. C. REPORT
SIGNED JUNE 19, 1989

The above-captioned document was circulated to the Commission on Wednesday, June 21, 1989 at 11:00 a.m.

Objection(s) have been received from the Commissioner(s) as indicated by the name(s) checked below:

Commissioner Aikens	<u> X </u>
Commissioner Elliott	<u> </u>
Commissioner Josefiak	<u> X </u>
Commissioner McDonald	<u> </u>
Commissioner McGarry	<u> </u>
Commissioner Thomas	<u> </u>

This matter will be placed on the meeting agenda for June 27, 1989.

Please notify us who will represent your Division before the Commission on this matter.

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MEMORANDUM TO: LAWRENCE M. NOBLE
 GENERAL COUNSEL

FROM: MARJORIE W. EMMONS/JOSHUA MCFADDEN *JM*

DATE: JUNE 22, 1989

SUBJECT: COMMENTS TO MUR 2803 - FIRST GENERAL COUNSEL'S
 REPORT SIGNED JUNE 19, 1989

Attached is a copy of Commissioner Elliott's vote sheet with comments regarding the above-captioned matter.

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Attachment:
copy of vote sheet



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DATE & TIME TRANSMITTED: WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21, 1989 11:00

COMMISSIONER: AIKENS [REDACTED] JOSEPHAK, McDONALD, MCGARRY, THOMAS

RETURN TO COMMISSION SECRETARY BY FRIDAY, JUNE 23, 1989 11:00

**SUBJECT: MUR 2803 - First General Counsel's Report
Signed June 19, 1989**

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- I object to the recommendation

COMMENTS: I approve the recommendations but not
for the analysis given in the
General Counsel's report.

DATE: 6-22-89 **SIGNATURE:** Leeland Elliott

**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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Honorable Jim Wright)
Thanks Jim Host Committee)
John McMillan, General Chairman)
Bob Bolan)
George Ann Carter)
L.B. George)
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MUR 2803

CERTIFICATION

I, Marjorie W. Emmons, recording secretary for the
Federal Election Commission executive session of June 27, 1989,

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do hereby certify that the Commission decided by a vote of
6-0 to take the following actions in MUR 2803:

1. Find no reason to believe that the Thanks Jim Host Committee, John McMillan, General Chairman, Bob Bolan, George Ann Carter, L.B. George, James Leggett, Viola Pitts, Gordon Appleman, Taylor Gandy, Jerry Murad, Gene Wood, Roger Williams, Max Eubank, Marvin Gearhart, Rudy Pulido, Vernell Sturns, Louis Zapata, Keith Kahle, George Mallick, Perry R. Bass, Jerry Bawcon, Felix Ankele, Kay Day, Thomas H. Law, John Blinn, and Jim Nichols violated the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended, on the basis of the complaint in MUR 2803.
2. Find no reason to believe that Jim Wright violated the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended, on the basis of the complaint in MUR 2803.
3. Approve the letters attached to the General Counsel's report dated June 19, 1989.
4. Close the file.

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

Attest:

6-27-89

Date

Marjorie W. Emmons

Marjorie W. Emmons
Secretary of the Commission

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
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July 5, 1989

Harold D. Hammett, Esquire
Simon, Anisman, Doby, Wilson and Skillern
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Suite 300
Fort Worth, Texas 76102-7071

RE: MUR 2803
Thanks Jim Host Committee,
John McMillan, General
Chairman, et al.

Dear Mr. Hammett:

On January 11, 1989, the Federal Election Commission notified your clients, the Thanks Jim Host Committee, John McMillan, General Chairman, et al., of a complaint alleging violations of certain sections of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended (the Act).

On June 27, 1989, the Commission found, on the basis of the information in the complaint, and information provided by the respondents, that there is no reason to believe that your clients violated the Act. 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
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July 5, 1989

William C. Oldaker, Esquire
Mannatt, Phelps, Rothenberg and Phillips
1200 New Hampshire Avenue, N.W.
Suite 200
Washington, D.C. 20036

RE: MUR 2803
Hon. James C. Wright, Jr.

Dear Mr. Oldaker:

On January 11, 1989, the Federal Election Commission notified your client, the Honorable James C. Wright, Jr., of a complaint alleging violations of certain sections of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended (the Act).

On June 27, 1989, the Commission found, on the basis of the information in the complaint, and information provided by the respondents, that there is no reason to believe that Congressman Wright violated the Act. 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

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BY: Lois G. Lerner
Associate General Counsel

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

July 5, 1989

**CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED**

Peter T. Flaherty, Chairman
Kenneth F. Boehm, Treasurer
Conservative Campaign Fund
Suite 500
1156 15th Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20005

RE: MUR 2803

Dear Mr. Flaherty and Mr. Boehm:

On June 27, 1989, the Federal Election Commission reviewed the allegations of your complaint dated January 3, 1989, and found that on the basis of the information provided in your complaint, and information provided by the respondents, there is no reason to believe that the Honorable James Wright, the Thanks Jim Host Committee, John McMillan, General Chairman, Bob Bolan, George Ann Carter, L.B. George, James Leggett, Viola Pitts, Gordon Appleman, Taylor Gandy, Jerry Murad, Gene Wood, Roger Williams, Max Eubank, Marvin Gearhart, Rudy Pulido, Vernell Sturns, Louis Zapata, Keith Kahle, George Mallick, Perry R. Bass, Jerry Bawcom, Felix Ankele, Kay Day, Thomas H. Law, John Blinn, and Jim Nichols violated the Act.

Accordingly, on June 27, 1989, the Commission closed the file in this matter. The Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended ("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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