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BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

In the matter of:

Reynolds for Congress
Marisol Conrepcion, Treasurer,

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COMPLAINT

NOW COMES, Ron Blackstone of 17708 Cherrywood Lane, Homewood, Illinois 60430 to file this Complaint pursuant to 2 U.S.C. 437g(a)(1) and 11 C.F.R. 111.4 against the Reynolds for Congress Committee, Marisol Conrepcion, Treasurer of 525 E. 103rd St, Chicago, Illinois 60638, (hereinafter Reynolds).

FACTS

Ron Blackstone, pursuant to the provisions of The Federal Election Campaign Act (Act) and the Federal Election Commission (FEC) regulations does hereby state the following facts:

1. Reynolds for Congress is the authorized principal campaign committee for Mel Reynolds, candidate for the United States House of Representatives from the 2nd District of Illinois.
2. The basis for this Complaint is reports filed by Reynolds in 1992 with the FEC (Exhibit C); copies of checks printed in a newspaper (Exhibit A); and, a letter from Mel Reynolds to the 119th & Halstead Currency Exchange (Exhibit B).
3. In the first quarter of 1992, Reynolds issued the following checks to 119th & Halstead Currency Exchange in return for cash (Exhibit A):

February 27, 1992	\$2,125.00
February 28, 1992	3,500.00
March 24, 1992	900.00
March 31, 1992	1,000.00

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Each of these checks were returned for non sufficient funds.
Exhibit A.

4. Reynolds has not reported any disbursements to the 119th & Halstead Currency Exchange in its reports to the FEC. Exhibit A.

5. 119th & Halstead Currency Exchange is a corporation in good standing, incorporated in the State of Illinois and licensed as a currency exchange. As a currency exchange, 119th & Halstead is not a federally insured corporation.

6. Reynolds rendered a letter in January 1992 to the 119th & Halstead Currency Exchange indicating his intent to cash checks and agreeing to the payment of fees in the event a check is returned for insufficient funds. Exhibit B.

7. Despite the fact these checks did not clear his account, Reynolds has not listed any debts and obligations to 119th & Halstead Currency Exchange which would result from the cash advance. Exhibit A.

DISCUSSION OF LAW

The Act and regulations require that debts and obligations owed by the political committee be continuously reported until extinguished. 2 U.S.C. 424(b)(8), 11 C.F.R. 104.11.

The Act and regulations define a contribution as:

A gift, subscription, loan (except for a loan made in accordance with 11 C.F.R. 100.7(b)(11)), advance, or deposit of money or anything of value made by any person for the purpose of influencing any election for Federal office.

The regulations further provide:

the term "anything of value" includes all in-kind contributions . . . the provision of any goods or services without charge or at a charge which is less than the usual and normal charge for such goods or services is a contribution.

2 U.S.C. 431(8), 11 C.F.R. 100.7(a)(1)(iii)(A).

The Act and regulations prohibit expenditures in excess of \$100 to be made in cash. 2 U.S.C. 432(h)(2), 11 C.F.R. 102.11. Expenditures in excess of \$100 must be made by check or similar draft drawn on an account at its designated campaign depository. 2 U.S.C. 432(h)(1), 11 C.F.R. 103.3(a).

In February and March of 1992, Reynolds issued checks totalling \$7,525 to the 119th & Halstead Currency Exchange, presumably in exchange for cash in the amount of the check. Reynolds did not report these disbursements to the Currency Exchange.

Reynolds has not reported the disbursements to the Currency Exchange, nor does appear that it reported what was done with the proceeds of the checks. Although campaigns may establish a petty cash fund for expenditures of less than \$100, it is unlikely that Reynolds disbursed \$7,525 in expenditures through petty cash amounts of less than \$100 each.

If Reynolds used the proceeds of the cashed checks to pay campaign expenses, Reynolds has violated the Federal election law requirement that expenditures of more than \$100 be made by check or similar draft.

Whatever Reynolds may have done with the proceeds of the cashed checks, Reynolds may have failed to report how the proceeds were used in violation of the Federal election law requirement that political campaigns report all disbursements in excess of \$200.

Additionally, Reynolds obtained the cash from the Currency Exchange with checks that were returned for insufficient funds. Despite the letter from Reynolds agreeing to make full restitution, including fees, for returned checks, Reynolds has failed to report the debt to the Currency Exchange and has not reported any further disbursement to the Currency Exchange in violation of the requirement that a campaign committee report all debts and obligations until extinguished.

If, on the other hand, the Currency Exchange has forgiven Reynolds the debts owed on the returned checks, Reynolds has accepted a contribution from a corporation in violation of the prohibition of corporate contributions to Federal campaigns.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

Therefore, Ron Blackstone respectfully requests, that the Federal Election Commission investigate these violations and find the following conclusions of law as appropriate:

(1) Reynolds has repeatedly and continuously failed to report outstanding debts and obligations in violation of Federal election law, 2 U.S.C. 424(b)(8), 11 C.F.R. 104.11; and,

(2) Reynolds has made expenditures in cash in excess of \$100 in violation of Federal election law, 2 U.S.C. 432(h), 11 C.F.R. 103.3(a);

(3) Reynolds has accepted an illegal contribution from a corporation in violation of the Act and regulations, 2 U.S.C. 441b(a), 11 C.F.R. 114.2(a) and (b).

Therefore, Ron Blackstone further requests that the Federal Election Commission assess all appropriate penalties for said violation of the above provisions in accordance with 2 U.S.C. 437g(a)(5)(A).

The above statements are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

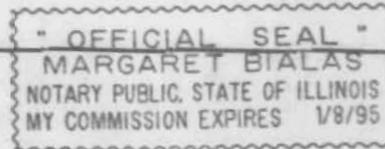
Respectfully submitted,

Ron Blackstone

Subscribed and Sworn before me this 20th day of October, 1992.

Margaret Bialas
(Notary Public)

My Commission expires:



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South Suburban CITIZEN, Week of Sept. 14, 1972

COMMITTEE TO ELECT MEL REYNOLDS 1221

119 + Halsted C. E. N.S.B. March 31, 72

One thousand

South Shore Bank DO NOT REDEPOSIT

Mel Reynolds

COMMITTEE TO ELECT MEL REYNOLDS 1215

119 + Halsted C. E. N.S.B. March 24, 72

Nine hundred

South Shore Bank DO NOT REDEPOSIT

Mel Reynolds

REYNOLDS FOR CONGRESS COMMITTEE 1005

Standard News Service March 5, 72

One thousand Two hundred

SOUTH CHICAGO BANK

Mel Reynolds

MEL REYNOLDS FOR CONGRESS 1000

119 + Halsted C. E. Feb 27, 72

Two thousand One Hundred

THE CHICAGO TRUST

Mel Reynolds

MEL REYNOLDS FOR CONGRESS 1000

119 + Halsted Feb 23, 72

Three thousand five Hundred

THE CHICAGO TRUST

Mel Reynolds

MEL REYNOLDS FOR CONGRESS
2nd CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
825 E. 103rd St. * Chicago, IL 60638 * (312) 995-1992

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January 15, 1992

119th & Related Currency Exchange,

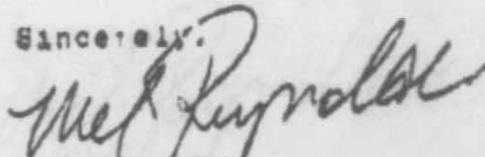
I, Mel Reynolds, am a registered candidate for U.S. Congress for the Second Congressional District. On occasion with your permission we will be cashing checks made out to Mel Reynolds for Congress or Reynolds for Congress.

If on the rare occasion that one of the checks that we cash is returned for insufficient funds we shall make full restitution, including fees.

I and our treasurer Earl Worthington, are the only ones authorized to endorse the checks.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,


Mel Reynolds

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REPORT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

For An Authorized Committee (Summary Page)

1. NAME OF COMMITTEE (in full)
Reynolds for Congress

ADDRESS (number and street) *Check if different than previously reported*
P.O. Box 365217

CITY, STATE and ZIP CODE
Chicago, Illinois 60686 IL 12

2. FEC IDENTIFICATION NUMBER
CO024151

3. IS THIS REPORT AN AMENDMENT?
 YES NO **12389**

4. TYPE OF REPORT

April 15 Quarterly Report Tenth day report preceding _____ (Type of Election) _____

July 15 Quarterly Report _____ (Election on) _____ in the State of _____

October 15 Quarterly Report Thirtieth day report following the General Election on _____

January 31 Year End Report _____ in the State of _____

July 31 Mid Year Report (Non-election Year Only) Termination Report

This report concerns activity for: Primary Election General Election Special Election Runoff Election

SUMMARY

	COLUMN A This Period	COLUMN B Calendar Year-to-Date
5. Covering Period 2/27/92 through 3/31/92		
6. Net Contributions (other than loans)		
(a) Total Contributions (other than loans) (from Line 11(a))	177,246.00	342,675.21
(b) Total Contribution Refunds (from Line 20(b))	-0-	-0-
(c) Net Contributions (other than loans) (subtract Line 6(b) from 6(a))	177,246.00	342,675.21
7. Net Operating Expenditures		
(a) Total Operating Expenditures (from Line 17)	141,487.99	330,974.14
(b) Total Offsets to Operating Expenditures (from Line 14)	-0-	-0-
(c) Net Operating Expenditures (subtract Line 7(b) from 7(a))	141,487.99	330,974.14
8. Cash on Hand at Close of Reporting Period (from Line 27)	11,701.07	
9. Debts and Obligations Owed TO the Committee (Itemize all on Schedule C and/or Schedule D)	-0-	
10. Debts and Obligations Owed BY the Committee (Itemize all on Schedule C and/or Schedule D)	76,832.00	

For further information contact:
Federal Election Commission
990 E Street, NW
Washington, DC 20463
Tel: Free 800-426-9933
Local 202-376-3120

I certify that I have examined this Report and to the best of my knowledge and belief it is true, correct and complete.

Type or Print Name of Treasurer
Marisol Concepcion

Signature of Treasurer: *Marisol Concepcion* Date: **4/14/92**

NOTE: Submission of false, erroneous, or incomplete information may subject the person signing this Report to the penalties of 2 U.S.C. §437g.

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DETAILED SUMMARY PAGE
of Receipts and Disbursements
(Page 2, FEC FORM 3)

Name of Committee: Reynolds for Congress Report Covering the Period From 2/27/92 to 3/31/92

I. RECEIPTS

	COLUMN 1 Total This Period	COLUMN 2 Calendar Year-To-Date
11 CONTRIBUTIONS (other than loans) FROM:		
(a) Individual Persons Other Than Political Committees		
(1) Itemized (Use Schedule A)	51,470.00	
(2) Unitemized	42,723.85	
(3) Total of contributions from individuals	94,193.85	75,503.06
(b) Political Party Committees	0-	0-
(c) Other Political Committees (such as PACs)	26,572.15	26,122.15
(d) The Candidate	0-	0-
(e) TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS (other than loans) (add 11(a)(1)-(4) and (b)-(d))	120,766.00	101,725.21

12 TRANSFERS FROM OTHER AUTHORIZED COMMITTEES -0-

13 LOANS		
(a) Made or Guaranteed by the Candidate	0-	0-
(b) All Other Loans	0-	0-
(c) TOTAL LOANS (add 13(a) and (b))	0-	0-

14 OFFSETS TO OPERATING EXPENDITURES (Refunds, Receipts, etc.) -0-

15 OTHER RECEIPTS (Dividends, Interest, etc.) -0-

16 TOTAL RECEIPTS (add 11(e), 12, 13(c), 14 and 15) 120,766.00 101,725.21

II. DISBURSEMENTS

17 OPERATING EXPENDITURES 141,487.99 330,924.14

18 TRANSFERS TO OTHER AUTHORIZED COMMITTEES -0-

19 LOAN REPAYMENTS:		
(a) Of Loans Made or Guaranteed by the Candidate	0-	0-
(b) Of All Other Loans	0-	0-
(c) TOTAL LOAN REPAYMENTS (add 19(a) and (b))	0-	0-

20 REFUNDS OF CONTRIBUTIONS TO:		
(a) Individual Persons Other Than Political Committees	0-	0-
(b) Political Party Committees	0-	0-
(c) Other Political Committees (such as PACs)	0-	0-
(d) TOTAL CONTRIBUTION REFUNDS (add 20(a), (b) and (c))	0-	0-

21 OTHER DISBURSEMENTS -0-

22 TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS (add 17, 18, 19(c), 20(d) and 21) 141,487.99 330,924.14

III. CASH SUMMARY

23 CASH ON HAND AT BEGINNING OF REPORTING PERIOD	30,943.06
24 TOTAL RECEIPTS THIS PERIOD (from Line 16)	127,246.00
25 SUBTOTAL (add Line 23 and Line 24)	158,189.06
26 TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS THIS PERIOD (from Line 22)	141,487.99
27 CASH ON HAND AT CLOSE OF THE REPORTING PERIOD (subtract Line 26 from 25)	16,701.07

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SCHEDULE B

ITEMIZED DISBURSEMENTS

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NAME OF COMMITTEE (in Full)

Reynolds for Congress

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A. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code	Purpose of Disbursement	Date (month, day, year)	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period
Campaign Performance Group San Francisco, CA	Consultants Disbursement for: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Primary <input type="checkbox"/> General <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify)	2-28-92	2,000.00
Target Printing 55 N Kaye St Bendonia, IL 61711	Campaign Literature Disbursement for: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Primary <input type="checkbox"/> General <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify)	2-28-92	1,087.00
Metro Litho 4201 W 166th Street Oak Forest, IL 60452	Campaign Literature Disbursement for: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Primary <input type="checkbox"/> General <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify)	3-6-92	1,650.00
South Chicago Disposal P.O. Box 17057 Chicago, IL 60617	Garbage Disposal Disbursement for: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Primary <input type="checkbox"/> General <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify)	2-28-92	303.05
Floyd U. Phillips & Co 935 W. 175th Street Homewood, Illinois	Campaign Station Office Disbursement for: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Primary <input type="checkbox"/> General <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify)	3-1-92	800.00
Charles Kelly 8011 S. Harvard Chicago, Illinois 60620	Campaign Manager Disbursement for: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Primary <input type="checkbox"/> General <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify)	2-28-92 3-16-92	1,500.00 1,500.00
Charles Kelly 8011 S. Harvard Chicago, Illinois 60620	Campaign Manager Disbursement for: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Primary <input type="checkbox"/> General <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify)	3-9-92	1,500.00
Yvonne Doggett 400 N. McClurg Court Chicago, Illinois 60611	Campaign Scheduler Disbursement for: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Primary <input type="checkbox"/> General <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify)	2-28-92 3-16-92	1,000.00 1,000.00
Yvonne Doggett 400 N. McClurg Court Chicago, Illinois 60611	Campaign Scheduler Disbursement for: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Primary <input type="checkbox"/> General <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify)	3-31-92	1,000.00

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NAME OF COMMITTEE (in Full)

Roundels for Congress

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A. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code	Purpose of Disbursement	Date (month, day, year)	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period
U.S. Postal Office 433 W. Van Buren Chicago, Illinois 60605	Postage/Campaign Material Disbursement for: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Primary <input type="checkbox"/> General <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify)	3-2-92 3-12-92	251.00 260.00
U.S. Postal Office 433 W. Van Buren Chicago, Illinois 60605	Postage/Campaign Material Disbursement for: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Primary <input type="checkbox"/> General <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify)	3-1-92 3-7-92	6,500.00 50.00
Illinois Bell 225 W. Randolph Chicago, Illinois 60603	Telephone Service Disbursement for: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Primary <input type="checkbox"/> General <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify)	2-28-92 3-6-92	300.00 210.00
Illinois Bell 225 W. Randolph Chicago, Illinois 60603	Telephone Service Disbursement for: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Primary <input type="checkbox"/> General <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify)	3-14-92 3-27-92	165.00 250.00
Illinois Bell 225 W. Randolph Chicago, Illinois 60603	Telephone Service Disbursement for: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Primary <input type="checkbox"/> General <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify)	3-31-92 3-4-92	375.00 375.00
Fannie Garrett 6421 S. Wood Chicago, IL 60621	Campaign Consultant Disbursement for: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Primary <input type="checkbox"/> General <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify)	3-17-92	300.00
Brackett Communications 320 West North Avenue Chicago, Illinois 60639	Telephone Installation Disbursement for: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Primary <input type="checkbox"/> General <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify)	3-7-92	850.00
Suburban Marling 900 Des Plaines Forest Park, IL 60130	Campaign Mailbox Services Disbursement for: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Primary <input type="checkbox"/> General <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify)	3-1-92	5,000.00
103rd Rhodes Bld. 1355 LaSalle Street Chicago, Illinois 60603	Campaign Rent Disbursement for: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Primary <input type="checkbox"/> General <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify)	3-1-92 3-31-92	1,250.00 1,250.00

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17,386.00

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NAME OF COMMITTEE (in Full)

Reynolds for Congress

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A. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code	Purpose of Disbursement	Date (month, day, year)	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period
PageNet 3 Westford Corporate Center Westchester, IL 60154	Campaign Buyer Disbursement for: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Primary <input type="checkbox"/> General <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify)	2-28-92 3-7-92	170.00 700.00
Commonwealth Edison 3500 N California Chicago, Illinois	Electrical Service Disbursement for: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Primary <input type="checkbox"/> General <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify)	3-14-92 3-9-92	128.00 128.00
Aristotle Industries 205 Pennsylvania Avenue Washington, D.C. 20003	Company Assistants Disbursement for: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Primary <input type="checkbox"/> General <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify)	2-27-92	2,000.00
McKeon & Associates 653 Greenwood Joliet, Illinois 60435	Campaign Filing Disbursement for: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Primary <input type="checkbox"/> General <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify)	2-28-92	2,000.00 2,000.00
McKeon's Associates 653 Greenwood Joliet, Illinois 60435	Campaign Filing Disbursement for: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Primary <input type="checkbox"/> General <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify)		3,000.00
Robert Claire Printing 5137 N. Ridgeway Skokie, Illinois 60077	Campaign Literature Disbursement for: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Primary <input type="checkbox"/> General <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify)	3-4-92 2-28-92	3,650.00 4,000.00
Fenn & King 1043 Cecil Place Washington, D.C. 20007	Campaign Consultants Disbursement for: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Primary <input type="checkbox"/> General <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify)	3-1-92 2-2-92	3,000.00 1,500.00
Fenn & King 1043 Cecil Place Washington, D.C. 20007	Campaign Consultants Disbursement for: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Primary <input type="checkbox"/> General <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify)	3-7-92	25,000.00
U.S. Postal Office 433 W Van Buren Chicago, Illinois 60605	Postage/Campaign Material Disbursement for: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Primary <input type="checkbox"/> General <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify)	3-1-92 3-2-92	260.00 100.00

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74,136.00

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NAME OF COMMITTEE to Full

Reynolds for Congress

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A. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code	Purpose of Disbursement	Date (month, day, year)	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period
Annette Czarobiski 311 Mauskegon Ave Cakmet, City, IL	Services Rendered Disbursement for: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Primary <input type="checkbox"/> General <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify)	2-27-92	1,500.00
Copy Duplicating Products 8330 S. Madison Blue Ridge, IL	Campaign Campaign Material Disbursement for: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Primary <input type="checkbox"/> General <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify)	3-11-92	1,000.00
Friends Mike Madigan Merchandise Plaza Chicago, Illinois 60663	Voter Information Disbursement for: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Primary <input type="checkbox"/> General <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify)	2-27-92 3-1-92	500.00 1,340.94
B.T.I 6120 W. North Chicago, IL 60639	Telephone Service Disbursement for: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Primary <input type="checkbox"/> General <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify)	3-15-92	823.00
Johnny O'Neal 3241 W. 126th Place Chicago, Illinois 60628	Field Operations Disbursement for: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Primary <input type="checkbox"/> General <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify)	2-25-92 3-5-92	500.00 500.00
The Eccentric 159 W Erie Chgo, IL 60610	Rental Space Disbursement for: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Primary <input type="checkbox"/> General <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify)	2-27-92 3-1-92	550.00 1038.00
Darrell Williams 4940 East End Avenue Chicago, IL 60615	Consultant/Advisor Disbursement for: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Primary <input type="checkbox"/> General <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify)	3-10-92	300.00
Keel Business Systems 1400 Land Meier Rd Elk Grove Village, IL	Campaign Disbursement for: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Primary <input type="checkbox"/> General <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify)	3-1-92	815.00
McGrath Whalen 198 N. Kenzie Brookly, IL 60915	 Disbursement for: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Primary <input type="checkbox"/> General <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify)	3-5-92	300.00

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9,196.94

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ITEMIZED DISBURSEMENTS

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NAME OF COMMITTEE (in Full)

Reynolds for Congress

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A. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code	Purpose of Disbursement	Date (month, day, year)	Amount of Cash Disbursement This Period
Calumet Township 2630 High Street Blue Island, IL 60406	Consultant/Field Operations Disbursement for: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Primary <input type="checkbox"/> General <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify)	3-16-92	1,000.00
B. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code Richard Dickerson 2400 East Cary Richmond VA 23223	Consultant Disbursement for: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Primary <input type="checkbox"/> General <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify)	3-20-92	1,500.00
C. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code Bloom Township 1517 S. Halsted Chicago Heights, IL 60411	Consultant/Field Operations Disbursement for: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Primary <input type="checkbox"/> General <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify)	3-16-92	1,500.00
D. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code Tommy Brewer Chicago, Illinois	Attorney/Legal Payment Disbursement for: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Primary <input type="checkbox"/> General <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify)	2-27-92	500.00
E. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code Thornton Township 701 Pulaski Road Calumet, IL 60609	Consultant/Field Operations Disbursement for: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Primary <input type="checkbox"/> General <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify)	5-16-92 2-27-92	3200.00 40.00
F. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code James Matix 15613 Greenwood Road Dalton, IL	Consultant Disbursement for: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Primary <input type="checkbox"/> General <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify)	3-18-92 3-30-92	1400.00 1,400.00
G. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code Robert Sloman 525 E. 103rd Chicago IL 60628	Consultant Disbursement for: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Primary <input type="checkbox"/> General <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify)	3-17-92	600.00
H. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code Bremen Township 15350 S Oak Park Avenue Oak Forest, IL 60452	Consultant/Field Operations Disbursement for: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Primary <input type="checkbox"/> General <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify)	3-16-92	1,200.00
I. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code Rich Township 206 Centre 1 Park Forest, IL 60466	Consultant/Field Operations Disbursement for: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Primary <input type="checkbox"/> General <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify)	2-28-92	1,800.00

SUBTOTAL of Disbursements This Page (optional) 13,940.00

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SCHEDULE B

ITEMIZED DISBURSEMENTS

See instructions on Schedule B for each category of the Detailed Summary Page

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Any information obtained from such reports and statements may not be sold or used by any person for the purpose of soliciting contributions or for commercial purposes, other than using the name and address of any political committee to solicit contributions from such committee.

NAME OF COMMITTEE (in Full)
 Reynolds for Congress

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A. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code	Purpose of Disbursement	Date (month, day, year)	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period
B. L. LOCKSMITH 312 W 74th Street Chicago, IL 60652	Locksmith Sewing Disbursement for: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Primary <input type="checkbox"/> General <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify)	3-2-92	150.00 60.00
Audio Answer 12956 S Wisburn Blue Island, IL 60412	Campaign Answer Service Disbursement for: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Primary <input type="checkbox"/> General <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify)	3-5-92	119.00
Human Rights Campaign Fund 1012 14th Street NW Washington DC 20008	Purchase Tickets Disbursement for: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Primary <input type="checkbox"/> General <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify)	3-14-92	254.00
Walterine Coleman 513 N Kramer Ave Lombard, IL	Consultant/Advisor Disbursement for: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Primary <input type="checkbox"/> General <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify)	2-28-92	1,221.00
34th Ward Democratic Organization 507 W 111th Street Chicago, IL 60628	Consultants/Campaign Workers Disbursement for: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Primary <input type="checkbox"/> General <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify)	3-16-92 3-17-92	1,000.00 3,000.00
Ralph Weiner & Assoc 6201 W. Howard Niles, IL 60648	Auto Insurance Disbursement for: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Primary <input type="checkbox"/> General <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify)	2-27-92	2,250.00
Pin Way 4025 N Mannheim Rd Schiller Park, IL 60176	Car Rental Disbursement for: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Primary <input type="checkbox"/> General <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify)	3-4-92	2,500.00
Misc	Food Gas, Office Supplie Disbursement for: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Primary <input type="checkbox"/> General <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify)	3-1-92 2-23-92	1,200.00 785.00
Mr. GS Supper Club 1347 W. 87th Street Chicago, IL 60620	Room Rental Disbursement for: <input type="checkbox"/> Primary <input type="checkbox"/> General <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify)	3-17-92	450.00

SUBTOTAL of Disbursements This Page (optional)	12,989.00
TOTAL This Period (last page and line number only)	141

SCHEDULE D
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DEBTS AND OBLIGATIONS
Excluding Loans

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Name of Creditor (or Full Name of Debtor (Purpose))	Outstanding Balance Beginning This Period	Amount Received This Period	Payments This Period	Outstanding Balance at Close of This Period
Reynolds for Congress A. Full Name, Mailing Address and Zip Code of Debtor or Creditor Mid City Printing 5526 W. Montrose Chicago Illinois 60641	10,400.00	- 0 -	- 0 -	10,400.00
Name of Debt (Purpose): Printing Campaign Brochures				
B. Full Name, Mailing Address and Zip Code of Debtor or Creditor O.S.C. Construction 10024 S. Roberts Road Palos Hills, Illinois 60405	7,359.00	- 0 -	- 0 -	7,359.00
Name of Debt (Purpose): Campaign Office Remodeling				
C. Full Name, Mailing Address and Zip Code of Debtor or Creditor Penn & King 1043 Cecil Place Washington D.C. 20007	5,560.00	79,683.00	56,500.00	23,183.00
Name of Debt (Purpose): Campaign Const. Work				
D. Full Name, Mailing Address and Zip Code of Debtor or Creditor Progress Printing 3374 S. Halsted Chicago, Illinois 60608	2,500.00	- 0 -	- 0 -	2,500.00
Name of Debt (Purpose): Campaign Literature				
E. Full Name, Mailing Address and Zip Code of Debtor or Creditor Robert Clark Printing 3137 N Ridgeway Skokie, Illinois 60076	- 0 -	29,210.00	7,650.00	21,600.00
Name of Debt (Purpose): Campaign Literature				
F. Full Name, Mailing Address and Zip Code of Debtor or Creditor Suburban Mailing 9000 S. Hauke Forest Park, IL 60130	- 0 -	11,000.00	5,000.00	6,000.00
Name of Debt (Purpose): Campaign Mailing Services				
11 SUBTOTALS This Period This Page (optional)				71,092.00
12 TOTAL This Period (Less line 11's line only)				
13 TOTAL OUTSTANDING LOANS from Schedule C (Don't carry over)				

SCHEDULE D
(Revised 3/80)

DEBTS AND OBLIGATIONS
Excluding Loans

Page 2 of 2 for
Form 1041 (1979)
Use separate schedules
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Name of Creditor (in Full)	Outstanding Balance Beginning This Period	Amount Received This Period	Payments This Period	Outstanding Balance or Share of This Period
Reynolds for Congress A. Full Name, Mailing Address and Zip Code of Debtor or Creditor Metro Litro 4201 W 166th Street Oak Forest, IL 60457	-0-	5,150.00	1,650.00	3,500.00
Nature of Debt (Purpose): Printing Campaign Materials				
B. Full Name, Mailing Address and Zip Code of Debtor or Creditor Olympa Printing 152 West Joe Ct Road Chicago Heights, Illinois 60411	-0-	2,240.00	-0-	2,240.00
Nature of Debt (Purpose): Printing Campaign Materials				
C. Full Name, Mailing Address and Zip Code of Debtor or Creditor				
Nature of Debt (Purpose):				
D. Full Name, Mailing Address and Zip Code of Debtor or Creditor				
Nature of Debt (Purpose):				
E. Full Name, Mailing Address and Zip Code of Debtor or Creditor				
Nature of Debt (Purpose):				
F. Full Name, Mailing Address and Zip Code of Debtor or Creditor				
Nature of Debt (Purpose):				
11 SUBTOTALS This Period This Page (entered)				5740.00
1 TOTAL This Period (last page this line only)				76832.00
TOTAL OUTSTANDING LOANS from Schedule C (last page only)				
12 and 13 and carry forward to appropriate line of Summary Page (last page only)				707

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

November 10, 1992

Ron Blackstone
17708 Cherrywood Lane
Homewood, IL 60430

RE: MUR 3693

Dear Mr. Blackstone:

This letter acknowledges receipt on November 4, 1992, of your complaint alleging possible violations of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended ("the Act"), by Mel Reynolds for Congress Committee and Earl Worthington, as treasurer, Committee to Elect Mel Reynolds and Mel Reynolds, as treasurer, and the Reynolds for Congress 1990 and Marisol Concepcion, as treasurer. 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 3693. 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.

Sincerely,

Teresa A. Hennessy
Assistant General Counsel

Enclosure
Procedures

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

November 10, 1992

Earl Worthington, Treasurer
Mel Reynolds for Congress
525 E. 103rd
Chicago, IL 60628

RE: MUR 3693

Dear Mr. Worthington:

The Federal Election Commission received a complaint which indicates that Mel Reynolds for Congress ("Committee") and you, as treasurer, 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 3693. 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 the Committee and you, as treasurer, 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 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(4)(B) and § 437g(a)(12)(A) unless you notify the Commission in writing that you wish the matter to be made public. 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.

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Earl Worthington, Treasurer
Mel Reynolds for Congress
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If you have any questions, please contact Richard M. Denholm II, the attorney assigned to this matter, at (202) 219-3400. For your information, we have enclosed a brief description of the Commission's procedures for handling complaints.

Sincerely,

Teresa A. Hennessy

Teresa A. Hennessy
Assistant General Counsel

Enclosures

1. Complaint
2. Procedures
3. Designation of Counsel Statement

cc: Mel Reynolds

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

November 10, 1992

Marisol Concepcion, Treasurer
Reynolds for Congress 1990
P.O. Box 368217
Chicago, IL 60636

RE: MUR 3693

Dear Ms. Concepcion:

The Federal Election Commission received a complaint which indicates that Reynolds for Congress 1990 ("Committee") and you, as treasurer, 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 3693. 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 Committee and you, as treasurer, 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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Marisol Concepcion, Treasurer
Reynolds for Congress 1990
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Sincerely,

Teresa A. Hennessy

Teresa A. Hennessy
Assistant General Counsel

Enclosures

1. Complaint
2. Procedures
3. Designation of Counsel Statement

cc: Mel Reynolds

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

November 10, 1992

Mel Reynolds, Treasurer
Committee to Elect Mel Reynolds
P.O. Box 368217
Chicago, IL 60636

RE: MUR 3693

Dear Mr. Reynolds:

The Federal Election Commission received a complaint which indicates that the Committee to Elect Mel Reynolds ("Committee") and Mel Reynolds, as treasurer, 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 3693. 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 Committee and you, as treasurer, 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.

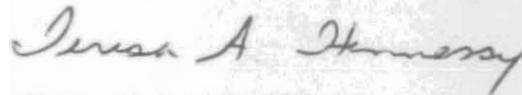
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Mel Reynolds, Treasurer
Committee to Elect Mel Reynolds
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Sincerely,



Teresa A. Hennessy
Assistant General Counsel

Enclosures

1. Complaint
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Response to Complaint filed by Ron Blackstone

MUR 3693

Introduction

This is frivolous complaint filed by a bitter loser, Mr. Ron Blackstone(R), in an attempt to use the Federal Election Commission to embarrass the Reynolds for Congress Committee for political gain.

Mr. Blackstone told friends that when he realized that he could not win he decided to file a complaint. The attached affidavit confirms this.

Response to Alleged Violations

1) Reynolds for Congress did not fail to report outstanding debts and obligations as Mr. Blackstone alleges. The checks in question were paid and there was no debt owed. Mr. Blackstone offers no proof that would confirm such a violation in section one of his complaint.

2) Reynolds for Congress did not pay anyone in excess of one hundred dollars in cash. Mr. Blackstone offers no proof to confirm such an allegation in section two of his complaint.

3) Reynolds for Congress did not accept an illegal contribution from any corporation. As mentioned in section one all checks were paid. Mr. Blackstone offers no proof that would confirm such an allegation in section three of his complaint.

Discussion

In our community we often do not have banks conveniently located. We also do not have a lot of branch banking. As a result a form of Banking has developed called Currency Exchanges. The Currency Exchange provides a convenient way for those who do not have bank accounts or those who do have bank accounts to cash payroll checks, purchase money orders/cashiers checks, pay utility bills, etc. The Exchange charges a small fee for these services. More than two years ago our Committee asked the F.E.C. if it would violate any election laws to do business with a Currency Exchange. Our Committee was told that it would not.

As it gets close to election time and right after an election some vendors will only accept money orders/cashiers checks. Using a check from our campaign account we have on occasion purchased money orders/cashier checks, gotten cash for petty cash, and gotten cash to pay election day workers in cash (no worker has ever been paid more than one hundred dollars in cash).

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Banks sometimes put a "long" hold on checks deposited to political accounts as election time nears. The Banks say they do this to protect themselves in case contribution deposits do not clear. We have protested to the Bank and they have stopped this unfair and sometimes unknown practice.

Because of this hold we had four checks returned to the Currency Exchange. The Currency Exchange was told to redeposit the checks or we immediately issued them a new check which they had no problem with at the Bank. What our campaign did not know at the time was that Mr. Blackstone and the owner of the Currency Exchange were political allies and neighbors. As a result even though these checks were made good, the owner made copies and gave them to Mr. Blackstone. That is how the copies of these checks ended up in a local newspaper.

Conclusion

Mr. Blackstone knew at the time that he filed this complaint that these matters had been resolved months before. As a new member of congress I plan to look into what can be done when a loser knowingly files a false complaint. I would hope that the Federal Election Committee see's this complaint for what it really is - sour grapes!

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Reynolds for Congress

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AFFIDAVIT

Ron Blackstone on several occasions vowed to file complaints with the Federal Election Commission against the Mel Reynolds for Congress Committee.

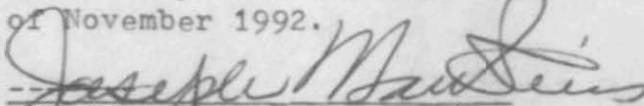
Mr. Blackstone stated that even though his lawyers looked into these matters and could not find a single violation he would file them anyway because he knew he could not win the election.

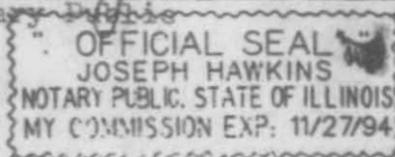
He further stated to me the only reason he would file the complaint was to get back at Mel Reynolds.

Date: 11/16/92


Cato W. Brown

Witness my hand and seal this 18th day of November 1992.


Notary Public



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MUR # 3693

ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS WILL BE ADDED TO THIS FILE AS THEY BECOME AVAILABLE. PLEASE CHECK FOR ADDITIONAL MICROFILM LOCATIONS.



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON DC 20461

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WASHINGTON DC 20463

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THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTATION IS ADDED TO

THE PUBLIC RECORD IN CLOSED MUR 3693.

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**THE READER IS REFERRED TO ADDITIONAL MICROFILM LOCATIONS
FOR THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS PERTINENT TO THIS CASE**

1. Memo, General Counsel to the Commission, dated September 22, 1992, Subject: Priority System Report. See Reel 354, pages 1590-94.
2. Memo, General Counsel to the Commission, dated April 14, 1993, Subject: Enforcement Priority System. See Reel 354, pages 1595-1620.
3. Certification of Commission vote, dated April 28, 1993. See Reel 354, pages 1621-22.
4. General Counsel's Report, In the Matter of Enforcement Priority, dated December 3, 1993. See Reel 354, pages 1623-1740.
5. Certification of Commission vote, dated December 9, 1993. See Reel 354, pages 1741-1746.

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

DEC 10 1992

Ron Blackstone
17708 Cherrywood Lane
Homewood, IL 60430

RE: MUR 3693

Dear Mr. Blackstone:

On November 4, 1992, the Federal Election Commission received your complaint alleging certain violations of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended ("the Act").

After considering the circumstances of this matter, the Commission has determined to exercise its prosecutorial discretion and to take no action against Reynolds for Congress 1992 and Marisol Concepcion, as treasurer, and the Committee to Elect Mel Reynolds and the Honorable Mel Reynolds, as treasurer. See attached narrative. Accordingly, the Commission closed its file in this matter. This matter will become part of the public record within 30 days.

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,

Richard M. Denholm II
Attorney

Attachment
Narrative

Date the Commission voted to close the file:

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MUR 3693

Mel Reynolds F/Cong

This matter was initiated by a complaint filed by Ron Blackstone. It alleged that the respondents, Mel Reynolds for Congress, Reynolds for Congress 1990, and the Committee to Elect Mel Reynolds violated the FECA in connection with the cashing of checks at a currency exchange. It was alleged that the checks were returned for insufficient funds ("NSF") resulting in an apparent \$7,525 corporate contribution. In addition, the complaint alleged that the respondents may have committed reporting and other violations in disbursing proceeds from the currency exchange. In response, Mel Reynolds stated that: Reynolds for Congress did not fail to report debts; Reynolds for Congress did not pay employees cash in excess of one hundred dollars, and therefore, it did not fail to report any cash expenditures; and Reynolds for Congress did not accept an illegal corporate contribution. Congressman Reynolds stated that 4 checks were returned NSF, but this was due to a bank policy of putting a hold on political committee checks near election time. Congressman Reynolds added that as soon as the committee learned of the returned checks, the committee issued new checks with sufficient funds.

This matter has little or no impact on the process, involves no significant issue relative to the other issues pending before the Commission, and involves no substantial amounts of money.

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

DEC 10 1992

Marisol Concepcion, Treasurer
Reynolds for Congress 1992
P.O. Box 368217
Chicago, IL 60636

RE: MUR 3693

Dear Ms. Concepcion:

On November 10, 1992, the Federal Election Commission notified you of a complaint alleging certain violations of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended. A copy of the complaint was enclosed with that notification.

After considering the circumstances of this matter, the Commission has determined to exercise its prosecutorial discretion and to take no action against Reynolds for Congress 1992 and you, as treasurer. See attached narrative. Accordingly, the Commission closed its file in this matter.

The confidentiality provisions of 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(12) no longer apply and this matter is now public. In addition, although the complete file must be placed on the public record within 30 days, this could occur at any time following certification of the Commission's vote. If you wish to submit any factual or legal materials to appear on the public record, please do so as soon as possible. While the file may be placed on the public record prior to receipt of your additional materials, any permissible submissions will be added to the public record when received.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (202) 219-3690.

Sincerely,

Richard M. Denholm II
Richard M. Denholm II
Attorney

Attachment
Narrative

CC: The Honorable Mel Reynolds

Date the Commission voted to close the file: DEC 09 1992

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MUR 3693

Mel Reynolds F/Cong

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

DEC 10 1992

The Honorable Mel Reynolds, Treasurer
Committee to Elect Mel Reynolds
P.O. Box 368217
Chicago, IL 60636

RE: MUR 3693

Dear Representative Reynolds:

On November 10, 1992, the Federal Election Commission notified you of a complaint alleging certain violations of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended. A copy of the complaint was enclosed with that notification.

After considering the circumstances of this matter, the Commission has determined to exercise its prosecutorial discretion and to take no action against the Committee to Elect Mel Reynolds and you, as treasurer. See attached narrative. Accordingly, the Commission closed its file in this matter.

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Sincerely,

[Signature]
Richard M. Denholm II
Attorney

Attachment
Narrative

Date the Commission voted to close the file: DEC 09 1992

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MUR 3693

Mel Reynolds F/Cong

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