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National Republican Congressional Committee

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Executive Director

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October 1, 1996

BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

Solomon Ortiz for Congress Committee)
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MUR # 4488

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COMPLAINT

The NRCC, by and through its Executive Director, Maria Cino, brings this complaint pursuant to 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(1) (1994). The N.R.C.C. is located at 320 First Street, S.E., Washington, D.C. 20003.

I. SUMMARY

The Solomon Ortiz for Congress Committee is making campaign use of official resources in violation of House Ethics Rules and failing to report these illegal contributions in violation of federal election law. Ortiz's use of taxpayer funds to finance his reelection -- having official staff in a district office performing campaign activities -- is blatantly unlawful.

II. FACTS

1. Gerald Sawyer is the Custodian of Records for the Solomon Ortiz for Congress Committee. *See Ortiz for Congress Statement of Organization (Exhibit 1).*
2. Mr. Sawyer is also district director for Congressman Ortiz's Corpus Christi district office, for which he is paid roughly \$40,000 (plus federal government benefits) per year. *See Clerk of the House Report, Ortiz Statement of Disbursements for the First Quarter of 1995 (Exh. 2).*
3. Ortiz's Corpus Christi district office is located at 3649 Leopard Street. The telephone number at this office is (512) 883-5868. *See Congressional Directory p.272 (Exh. 3).*
4. Ortiz for Congress advertises 3649 Leopard Street as one of the addresses employed by the campaign. *See Corpus Christi Telephone Book, Business Pages p. 54 (Exh. 4).*
5. In a February 5, 1995 campaign filing submitted to the House Clerk, Ortiz for Congress Committee recommends that questions regarding campaign activity

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should be directed to Gerald Sawyer at 512-883-5868, the official district office
See Ortiz for Congress FEC Filing Cover Letter, Feb. 5, 1995 (Exh. 5).

III. DISCUSSION

It is beyond dispute that Mr. Ortiz's use of official resources for campaign activities violates strict Ethics Rules promulgated by the House Committee on Standards of Official Conduct. See House Ethics Manual, pp. 280-285 (note Example 12, p. 285, explaining that campaign volunteers "may not stay late at the congressional office and make [campaign] calls from there."). Barring reimbursement of the federal treasury by Congressman Ortiz, the unethical actions related herein can and will be subject of a future complaint before that Committee.

Mr. Ortiz's actions also violate Federal Election laws on two counts -- failure to report and prohibited source contributions -- and are therefore properly submitted to the Commission.

First, goods and services provided to a federal campaign must be reported as contributions received. 2 U.S.C. § 434(b)(3)(1996). The Ortiz for Congress Committee never reported the campaign's receipt of office space (and telephone use) provided by the congressional district office. See Exh. 5. Likewise, Ortiz for Congress does not report reimbursing the U.S. Treasury for the campaign's use of these resources. Such reporting omissions violate federal law.

Second, federal campaigns may not avail themselves of taxpayer funds, nor may Congressmen tap federal treasuries to fund their reelection efforts. In the words of the United States District Court for the District of Columbia in Common Cause v. Bolger, 574 F. Supp. 672 (D.D.C. 1982), aff'd, 461 U.S. 911 (1983):

It is clear from the record that Congress has recognized the basic principle that government funds should not be spent to help incumbents gain reelection.

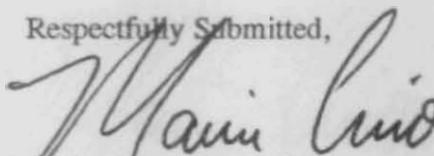
Mr. Ortiz's contributions to his own campaign made out of his Official Member's Allowance are unlawful and must be discouraged. The Commission should investigate this violation and determine (1) how many other similar transgressions have occurred in Mr. Ortiz's various taxpayer-funded offices and (2) whether these violations were knowing and willful.

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IV. PRAYER FOR RELIEF

The Commission should investigate the campaign practices of the Solomon Ortiz for Congress Campaign. The candidate may not supplement campaign resources with taxpayer moneys, granting itself unreported and illegal contributions through Mr. Ortiz's violations of House Ethics rules. The Commission should impose all penalties permitted and appropriate under law and should take all other reasonable actions under 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a) to deter future violations of the law by the Ortiz Committee.

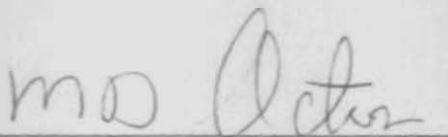
Respectfully Submitted,



Maria Cino
Executive Director

District of Columbia

Signed and sworn to before me this 1st th day of Oct., 1996.



NOTARY PUBLIC

My commission expires: _____

M. D. Acton
Notary Public, District of Columbia
My Commission Expires July 14, 1999

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STATEMENT OF ORGANIZATION PROCESSED APR 0 5 1996

(See reverse side for instructions)

(a) NAME OF COMMITTEE IN FULL <input type="checkbox"/> (Check if name is changed) Ortiz for Congress Committee	2. DATE 01/15/96
(b) Number and Street Address <input type="checkbox"/> (Check if address is changed) P.O. Box 7806	3. FEC IDENTIFICATION NUMBER 098485
(c) City, State and ZIP Code Corpus Christi, TX	4. IS THIS STATEMENT AN AMENDMENT? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO

5 TYPE OF COMMITTEE (Check one) **FEB 05 1996**

- (a) This committee is a principal campaign committee. (Complete the candidate information below.) **Ethics Commission**
 - (b) This committee is an authorized committee, and is NOT a principal campaign committee. (Complete the candidate information below.)
- | Name of Candidate | Candidate Party Affiliation | Office Sought | State/District |
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| | | | |
- (c) This committee supports/opposes only one candidate _____ and is NOT an authorized committee.
(name of candidate)
 - (d) This committee is a _____ committee of the _____ Party.
(National, State or subordinate) (Democratic, Republican, etc.)
 - (e) This committee is a separate segregated fund.
 - (f) This committee supports/opposes more than one Federal candidate and is NOT a separate segregated fund or a party committee.

Name of Any Connected Organization or Affiliated Committee	Mailing Address and ZIP Code	Relationship

Type of Connected Organization
 Corporation Corporation w/o Capital Stock Labor Organization Membership Organization Trade Association Cooperative

7 Custodian of Records: Identify by name, address (phone number -- optional) and position of the person in possession of committee books and records.

Full Name	Mailing Address	Title or Position
Gerald G. Sawyer	9309 Sunshine Drive Corpus Christi, TX 78409 512-241-3601	

8 Treasurer: List the name and address (phone number -- optional) of the treasurer of the committee; and the name and address of any designated agent (e.g., assistant treasurer).

Full Name	Mailing Address	Title or Position
Frank A. Tompkins	P. O. Box 7806, Corpus Christi, TX 78467	Chairman
Florencio H. Rendon	P. O. Box 7806, Corpus Christi, TX 78467	Ass't/Treasurer
Adelfino Palacios, Jr.	P. O. Box 7806, Corpus Christi, TX 78467	Treasurer

9 Banks or Other Depositories: List all banks or other depositories in which the committee deposits funds, holds accounts, rents safety deposit boxes or maintains funds.

Name of Bank, Depository, etc.	Mailing Address and ZIP Code

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

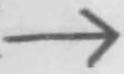
TYPE OR PRINT NAME OF TREASURER Adelfino Palacios, Jr.	SIGNATURE OF TREASURER	DATE
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NOTE: Submission of false, erroneous, or incomplete information may subject the person signing this Statement to the penalties of 2 U.S.C. 5437g. ANY CHANGE IN INFORMATION SHOULD BE REPORTED WITHIN 10 DAYS.

				For further information contact: Federal Election Commission Toll-free 800-424-9530 Local 202-376-3120
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FEC FORM 1
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STATEMENT OF DISBURSEMENTS

Date	Voucher No.	Payee	Service dates	Description	(\$ Amount)
LBJ INTERNS, MEMBERS CLERK HIRE AND OFFICIAL EXPENSES OF MEMBERS—Con.					
OFFICE OF THE HON. SOLOMON P ORTIZ—Con.					
		SAWYER, GERALD G	01/01/95—03/31/95	DISTRICT OFFICE MANAGER	9,931.71 ←
		TISDALE, JENNIFER M	01/01/95—03/31/95	STAFF ASSISTANT	6,750.00
		TRAVIS, CATHERINE A	01/01/95—03/31/95	PRESS SECRETARY	8,177.91
		TREVINO, JOHN H	01/01/95—03/31/95	STAFF ASSISTANT	5,997.24
		VAN HOLSBEEK, MELISSA	01/01/95—03/31/95	CASEWORKER	7,731.75
		VASQUEZ, CAROL	01/01/95—03/31/95	CASEWORKER	6,750.00
		VASQUEZ, SONIA	01/01/95—03/31/95	LEGISLATIVE ASSISTANT	6,779.49
		VELAZQUEZ, GERARDO	01/01/95—03/31/95	SPECIAL PROJECTS ASSISTANT	7,335.42
EXPENSES					
01-11	5011510019	CLARK BOARDMAN CALLAGHAN	12/01/94	SUBSCRIPTION 0011304300014	176.55
01-11	5011510017	COPY DATA	12/12/94	OFFICE SUPPLIES COPIER TONER	50.00
01-11	5011510018	DAVID L ANDRUKITIS	12/15/94	PRINTING CALENDARS	375.00
01-11	5011510016	FEDERAL EXPRESS CORP.	12/12/94	EXPRESS MAIL 1019-3849-2	18.25
01-13	5013620009	AMERICAN EXPRESS	10/08/94	MEMBER TRAVEL-ONEWAY AIRFARE-WASHINGTON NAT'L TO CORPUS CHRISTI (8476)	258.00
01-13	5013620010	Do	12/07/94	MEMBER TRAVEL-ONEWAY AIRFARE-WASHINGTON NAT'L TO CORPUS CHRISTI (1791)	258.00
01-13	5013620013	FEDERAL EXPRESS CORP.	11/29/94—12/12/94	EXPRESS MAIL 1019-3849-2	59.54
01-13	5013620011	Do	12/01/94—12/15/94	EXPRESS MAIL 1019-3849-2	27.88
01-13	5013620012	Do	12/14/94	EXPRESS MAIL 1019-3849-2	3.75
01-18	5018560003	AMERICAN EXPRESS	12/15/94	MEMBER TRAVEL-ONEWAY AIRFARE-WASH NATL TO CORPUS CHRISTI (2401)	258.00
01-18	5018560004	FEDERAL EXPRESS CORP.	12/28/94	EXPRESS MAIL 1019-3849-2	11.98
01-18	5018560006	HARGROVES OFFICE SUPPLY	11/30/94	OFFICE SUPPLIES	40.09
01-18	5018560007	OASIS WATER CO.	11/28/94—12/19/94	OTHER OFFICIAL EXPENSE - DRINKING WATER	36.25
01-18	5018560005	SAUCEDO TEXACO	12/15/94—12/21/94	MEMBER DISTRICT TRANSPORTATION - GASOLINE	27.86
01-19	5027320033	(H.I.S. SERVICES CHARGED)	01/19/95	12/01/94 12/31/94	250.00
01-23	5023230001	JOE M GALINDO	12/12/94—12/12/94	STAFF TRAVEL ONEWAY AIRFARE CORPUS TO WASHINGTON NATIONAL (7298)	258.00
01-25	5024510021	AT&T	11/30/94	CELLULAR PHONE CHARGES	1.41
01-25	5024510023	Do	12/05/94—12/20/94	CELLULAR PHONE CHARGES	7.99
01-25	5024510022	AT&T FEDERAL MARKETS GROUP	12/01/94—12/31/94	DISTRICT PHONE - LEASE AND RENTALS 0013-612-1910	1.98
01-25	5024510024	C.C. DISTILLED WATER, INC.	12/14/94—12/31/94	OTHER OFFICIAL EXPENSE - DRINKING WATER	13.70
01-25	5025850025	AMERICAN EXPRESS	12/06/94	MEMBER TRANSPORTATION - GASOLINE	16.51
01-25	5025850026	Do	12/19/94	MEMBER TRANSPORTATION - GASOLINE LEASE VEHICLE	13.34
01-25	5025850029	AT&T	10/28/94—11/19/94	CELLULAR PHONE CHARGES	14.87
01-25	5025850020	AT&T FEDERAL MARKETS GROUP	12/06/94—01/05/95	DISTRICT PHONE LEASE AND RENTALS 0008-782-1815	3.73
01-25	5025850021	FEDERAL EXPRESS CORP.	12/22/94—01/06/95	EXPRESS MAIL 1019-3849-2	7.50
01-25	5025850022	SOLOMON P ORTIZ	01/08/95	MEMBER TRANSPORTATION - GASOLINE LEASE VEHICLE	14.87
01-25	5025850028	SBMS, INC.	11/30/94—12/07/94	CELLULAR TELEPHONE FOR MEMBER	34.33
01-25	5025850027	Do	11/30/94—12/23/94	CELLULAR PHONE CHARGES	118.98
01-25	5025850023	STANDARD COFFEE SERVICE	01/13/95	OTHER OFFICIAL EXPENSE - COFFEE	14.32
01-25	5025850024	THRIFTY RENT-A-CAR	12/16/94—01/06/95	STAFF DISTRICT TRANSPORTATION - CAR RENTAL FLORENCIO RENDON	779.10
01-27	5025250017	AMERICAN EXPRESS	12/14/94	STAFF TRAVEL ONE WAY AIRFARE BALTIMORE/WASH TO CORPUS CHRISTI (2297) RERDON	307.00
01-27	5025250018	Do	12/14/94	STAFF TRAVEL ONE WAY AIRFARE BALTIMORE/WASH TO CORPUS CHRISTI (2404) GALINDO	307.00
01-30	5026890496	INTERNATIONAL LTD	01/01/95—01/30/95	RENT INTERNATIONAL BANK CORPUS CHRISTI, TX	1,120.00
01-30	5026890495	INTERNATIONAL PLAZA	01/01/95—01/30/95	RENT 3505 BOCA CHICA BLVD #200 BROWNSVILLE, TX 78521	756.20
01-30	5026890497	KINGSVILLE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE	01/01/95—01/30/95	RENT 635 EAST KING ST KINGSVILLE, TX 78363	175.00

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Jamestown, ND, 1963; M.A., University of North Dakota, Grand Forks, 1964; Ph.D., University of Oklahoma, Norman, 1968; faculty, economics, University of Montana, 1964-65; assistant professor, West Texas State University, 1967-68; assistant professor, Austin College, 1968-72; associate professor, North Texas State University, 1972-77; chairman, Department of Economics, North Texas State University, 1977-83; economic consultant and adviser, Distinguished Fellow of the Fisher Institute, Dallas, TX; Omicron Delta Epsilon, economics honor society; Southwestern Social Sciences Association; Missouri Valley Economics Association; former deacon, Presbyterian Church; married to the former Susan Byrd; five children: Kathryn, David, Chip, Scott, and Scott; elected to the 99th Congress on November 6, 1984; reelected to each succeeding Congress.

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ZIP Codes: 75001, 75006-08, 75010-11, 75015-16, 75019, 75023-25, 75028-29, 75034, 75038-39, 75050, 75053, 75056-57, 75060-63, 75065, 75067-70, 75073, 75078, 75080-81, 75083-85, 75093, 75220, 75229, 75234, 75240, 75243, 75244, 75248, 75251, 75253, 75255, 75287, 75379, 75380, 75381, 76051, 76201.

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TWENTY-SEVENTH DISTRICT

SOLOMON P. ORTIZ, Democrat, of Corpus Christi, TX; born in Robstown, TX, on June 3, 1938; attended Robstown High School; attended Del Mar College, Corpus Christi; officers certificate, Institute of Applied Science, Chicago, IL, 1962; officers certificate, National Sheriffs' Training Institute, Los Angeles, CA, 1977; served in U.S. Army, Sp4c, 1960-62; insurance agent; Nueces County constable, 1965-68; Nueces County commissioner, 1969-76; Nueces County sheriff, 1977-82; member: Congressional Hispanic Caucus (chairman, 102d Congress); Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute (Chairman of the Board, 102d Congress); Army Caucus; Depot Caucus; Sheriffs' Association of Texas, National Sheriffs' Association, the Corpus Christi Rotary Club, the American Red Cross, the United Way; honors: Who's Who among Hispanic Americans, Man of the Year, International Order of Foresters (1981), Conservation Legislator of the Year for the Sportsman Clubs of Texas (1986), Boss of the Year by the American Businesswomen Association (1980); National Government Hispanic Business Advocate, U.S. Hispanic Chamber of Commerce (1992); Leadership Award, Latin American Management Association (1991); National Security Leadership Award, American Security Council (1992); Tree of Life Award, Jewish National Fund (1987); two children: Yvette and Solomon, Jr.; elected on November 2, 1982 to the 98th Congress; reelected to each succeeding Congress.

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Our Lady Of The Most Holy Trinity
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Our Lady Of The Rosary Church
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Solomon P. Ortiz
U.S. Congressman
27th District - Texas

Campaign Headquarters
P.O. Box 7806
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February 5, 1995

Honorable Donald K. Anderson, Clerk
U. S. House of Representatives
1036 Longworth Building
Washington, D. C. 20515

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Texas Ethics Commission

Identification Number: C00149187
Reference: October Quarterly Report (7/1/94-9/30/94)
30 Day Post-General Report (10/20/94-11/28/94)

Dear Mr. Anderson:

I am submitting the following information to amend the above reports to reflect the corrections in question. It was necessary to go back to the 2/22/90 report to correct errors that were found due to mathematical errors and inadvertently omission of interest earned. The enclosed reports are corrected up to present report.

If there are any questions please contact Gerald Sawyer at 512-883-5868.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Florencio H. Rendon
Assistant Treasurer
Ortiz for Congress Committee

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

Washington, DC 20463

October 3, 1996

Maria Cino, Executive Director
National Republican Congressional Committee
320 First Street, SE
Washington, DC 20003

RE: MUR 4488

Dear Ms. Cino:

This letter acknowledges receipt on October 1, 1996, of the complaint you filed alleging possible violations of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended ("the Act"). The respondent(s) 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 4488. Please refer to this number in all future communications. For your information, we have attached a brief description of the Commission's procedures for handling complaints.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Colleen T. Sealander", is written over the typed name.

Colleen T. Sealander, Attorney
Central Enforcement Docket

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20463

October 3, 1996

Adelfino Palacios, Jr.
Ortiz for Congress Committee
PO Box 7806
Corpus Christi, TX 78467

RE: MUR 4488

Dear Mr. Palacios:

The Federal Election Commission received a complaint which indicates that Ortiz for Congress Committee ("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 4488. Please refer to this number in all future correspondence.

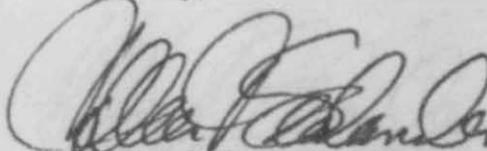
Under the Act, you have the opportunity to demonstrate in writing that no action should be taken against the Committee and you, as treasurer, in this matter. Please submit any factual or legal materials which you believe are relevant to the Commission's analysis of this matter. Where appropriate, statements 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.

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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If you have any questions, please contact Alva E. Smith at (202) 219-3400. For your information, we have enclosed a brief description of the Commission's procedures for handling complaints.

Sincerely,



Colleen T. Sealander, Attorney
Central Enforcement Docket

Enclosures

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

cc: The Honorable Solomon P. Ortiz

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20463

October 3, 1996

Gerald G. Sawyer, Custodian of Records
Ortiz for Congress Committee
PO Box 7806
Corpus Christi, TX 78467

RE: MUR 4488

Dear Mr. Sawyer:

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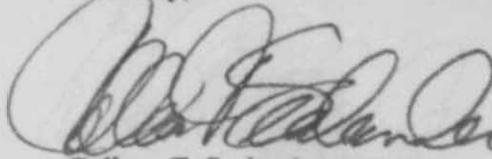
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Sincerely,



Colleen T. Sealander, Attorney
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Colleen T. Sealander, Esq.
Central Enforcement Docket
Office of the General Counsel
Federal Election Commission
6th Floor
999 E Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20463

Re: MUR 4488 - Solomon Ortiz for Congress Committee

Dear Ms. Sealander:

This letter is in response to the complaint filed by the National Republican Congressional Committee ("NRCC") against the Solomon Ortiz for Congress Committee. This complaint was designated as MUR 4488. This complaint is without merit and should be dismissed.

Gerald Sawyer is the district director for Congressman Ortiz's Corpus Christi district office and is paid from the federal treasury as a congressional employee. The Solomon Ortiz for Congress Committee has also designated Mr. Sawyer as the Custodian of Records for the committee. Mr. Sawyer's primary duty as Custodian of Records is to file Federal Election Commission reports of receipts and disbursements.

In its complaint, the NRCC alleges that Mr. Sawyer's dual role violates federal campaign laws. Even if the NRCC's allegations could be considered a violation of the Federal Election Campaign Act, in these circumstances, no violation has occurred.

Congress has stated, "[a]s long as employees complete those official duties required by the member for which the employees are compensated from public funds, they are generally free to engage in personal, campaign, or other nonofficial activities." *See House Ethics Manual, p. 200.* Congressional employees are free to engage in campaign activities in any free time after their official duties are complete.

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Mr. Sawyer states he fulfills his duties as Custodian of Records for the Solomon Ortiz for Congress Committee in his free time.

Further, the Commission's own regulations specifically exempt from the definition of the term "contribution" "the value of services provided without compensation by any individual who volunteers on behalf of a candidate" 11 CFR § 100.7(b)(3).

The NRCC also alleges the Ortiz Committee is using Congressman Ortiz's Corpus Christi district office as a campaign office, a prohibited use of federal funds for campaign purposes. Again, while the NRCC's allegations do not make out a violation of the FECA, in any event, there would be no violation here. Ortiz's Corpus Christi district office street address and the Ortiz Committee campaign office street address are in fact, the same. However, this address is to a large office building with a number of different offices located at the same address. Ortiz's district office and Ortiz's campaign office are at two entirely different locations within the same office building. This explains why the offices have the same street address, but why there is no FEC violation.

Further, the NRCC alleges the Ortiz district office and the Ortiz campaign office are the same because they have the same phone number. This allegation arises as a result of a campaign filing by the Ortiz for Congress Committee asking that questions be directed to Gerald Sawyer at 512/883-5868. This is actually the number to the Ortiz district office, not the Ortiz campaign office. Mr. Sawyer mistakenly provided the incorrect phone number to the FEC for the Ortiz campaign office. There are two distinct phone numbers for two separate offices within the same building. Steps have been taken to ensure that no further mistakes such as this will occur in the future.

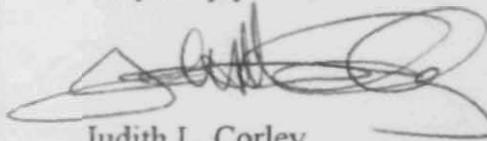
The Solomon Ortiz for Congress Committee has not availed itself of any federal funds or services. Mr. Sawyer has only worked for the Ortiz Committee in his free time after performing his duties as a federal employee. There are two distinct offices for Congressman Ortiz located in the same building at the same address: the district office and the campaign office. There are two separate telephone lines to these offices and, in the future, all correspondence referencing the campaign will include only campaign phone numbers. The attached sworn affidavit of Gerald Sawyer confirms each of the statements refuting the NRCC's allegations.

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The Solomon Ortiz for Congress Committee has not violated FEC regulations in any way and will continue to adhere to FEC regulations in the future. This complaint should be dismissed.

Very truly yours,



Judith L. Corley
Counsel to Solomon Ortiz for
Congress Committee

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BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

AFFIDAVIT OF GERALD SAWYER

I, Gerald Sawyer, hereby state as follows:

1. I have personal knowledge of the facts set forth herein and if called to testify in this matter, I would testify as set forth herein.

2. I am presently employed as district director of Congressman Solomon Ortiz's Corpus Christi Congressional Office at 3649 Leopard Street. The phone number of the district office is 512/883-5868.

3. In my free time, after my official duties have been completed, I act as the Custodian of Records for the Solomon Ortiz for Congress Committee. This is purely a volunteer activity and I have made no contributions to my employing Member.

4. The Solomon Ortiz for Congress Committee office is also located at 3649 Leopard Street in Corpus Christi. This address is a large building with a number of offices located at the same address. Both the district office of Congressman Ortiz and the Ortiz for Congress office are located within the same building, but they are two separate offices.

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5. I submitted a campaign filing on February 5, 1995, listing the number of the Ortiz for Congress office as 512/883-5868, which is actually the phone number for Congressman Ortiz's district office. This was a mistake on my part. There is another number for the Ortiz for Congress office and I failed to include the correct number.

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746, I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed this 19th day of October, 1996.

Gerald Sawyer



Rebecca Velasquez Rendon

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BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

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In the Matter of

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ENFORCEMENT PRIORITY

GENERAL COUNSEL'S REPORT

SENSITIVE

I. INTRODUCTION.

The cases listed below have been identified as either stale or of low priority based upon evaluation under the Enforcement Priority System (EPS). This report is submitted to recommend that the Commission no longer pursue these cases.

II. CASES RECOMMENDED FOR CLOSURE.

A. Cases Not Warranting Further Action Relative to Other Cases Pending Before the Commission

EPS was created to identify pending cases which, due to the length of their pendency in inactive status or the lower priority of the issues raised in the matters relative to others presently pending before the Commission, do not warrant further expenditure of resources. Central Enforcement Docket (CED) evaluates each incoming matter using Commission-approved criteria which results in a numerical rating of each case.

Closing such cases permits the Commission to focus its limited resources on more important cases presently pending before it. Based upon this review, we have identified 28 cases which do

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not warrant further action relative to other pending matters.¹ Attachment 1 to this report contains summaries of each case, the EPS rating, and the factors leading to assignment of a low priority and recommendation not to further pursue the matter.

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¹ These cases are: MUR 4419 (*Weinzappel for Congress*); MUR 4423 (*Davis for Congress*); MUR 4424 (*Nevadans for "Spike" Wilson*); MUR 4429 (*Delahunt for Congress*); MUR 4430 (*Jean Leising for Congress*); MUR 4431 (*Engel for Congress*); MUR 4433 (*Delahunt for Congress*); MUR 4437 (*DiNicola for Congress Committee*); MUR 4440 (*Sue Kelly for Congress*); MUR 4450 (*National Treasury Employees*); MUR 4452 (*Mid-Suffolk N.O.W.*); MUR 4455 (*City of Milwaukee*); MUR 4456 (*Jackson Mint Ltd.*); MUR 4457 (*U.S. Department of Health and Human Services*); MUR 4458 (*KMA-AM Radio*); MUR 4461 (*Americans For Freedom Of Choice PAC*); MUR 4462 (*Ellen O. Tauscher*); MUR 4464 (*Norwood for Congress*); MUR 4465 (*Lincoln for Congress*); MUR 4469 (*Moseley-Braun for Senate*); MUR 4475 (*Manpower Temporary Services, Inc.*); MUR 4479 (*Owens for Congress Committee*); MUR 4482 (*Mike McCormack for Congress*); MUR 4487 (*Citizens for A Strong America*); MUR 4488 (*Ortiz for Congress*); MUR 4489 (*Gill for Congress*); MUR Pre-MUR 338 (*Richard Chrysler Inc.*); and Pre-MUR 339 (*Mammel & Associates, Inc.*).

We recommend that the Commission exercise its prosecutorial discretion and direct closure of the cases listed below, effective May 19, 1997. Closing these cases as of this date will permit CED and the Legal Review Team the necessary time to prepare closing letters and case files for the public record.

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III. RECOMMENDATIONS.

A. Decline to open a MUR, close the file effective May 19, 1997, and approve the appropriate letters in the following matters:

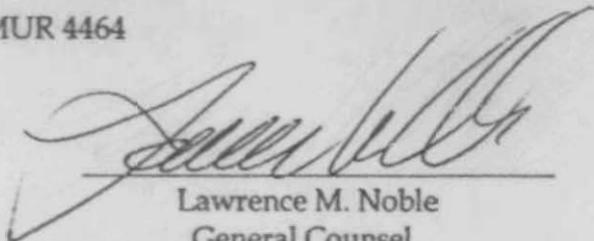
- 1. Pre-MUR 338
- 2. Pre-MUR 339

B. Take no action, close the file effective May 19, 1997, and approve the appropriate letters in the following matters:

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| 1. MUR 4419 | 10. MUR 4450 | 19. MUR 4465 |
| 2. MUR 4423 | 11. MUR 4452 | 20. MUR 4469 |
| 3. MUR 4424 | 12. MUR 4455 | 21. MUR 4475 |
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| 7. MUR 4433 | 16. MUR 4461 | 25. MUR 4488 |
| 8. MUR 4437 | 17. MUR 4462 | 26. MUR 4489 |
| 9. MUR 4440 | 18. MUR 4464 | |

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Lawrence M. Noble
General Counsel

BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

In the Matter of)
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CERTIFICATION

I, Marjorie W. Emmons, Secretary of the Federal Election Commission, do hereby certify that the Commission decided by a vote of 5-0 on May 12, 1997, to take the following actions with respect to the General Counsel's May 6, 1997 report on enforcement priority:

A. Decline to open a MUR, close the file effective May 19, 1997, and approve the appropriate letters in the following matters:

- 1. Pre-MUR 338
- 2. Pre-MUR 339

B. Take no action, close the file effective May 19, 1997, and approve the appropriate letters in the following matters:

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

Attest:

5-13-97
Date

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

Received in the Secretariat: Tues., May 06, 1997 2:45 p.m.
Circulated to the Commission: Wed., May 07, 1997 11:00 a.m.
Deadline for vote: Mon., May 12, 1997 4:00 p.m.

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

May 19, 1997

CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Ted Manuss, Executive Director
National Republican Congressional Committee
320 First Street, SE
Washington, D.C. 20003

RE: MUR 4488

Dear Mr. Manuss:

On October 1, 1996, the Federal Election Commission received a complaint filed by Maria Cino 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 the respondents. See attached narrative. Accordingly, the Commission closed its file in this matter on May 19, 1997. 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,

F. Andrew Turley
Supervisory Attorney
Central Enforcement Docket

Attachment
Narrative

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MUR 4488
ORTIZ FOR CONGRESS COMMITTEE

Maria Cino, former Executive Director for the National Republican Congressional Committee, alleges that the Solomon Ortiz for Congress Committee unlawfully made use of official resources in support of his re-election campaign and failed to report such use. Specifically, she alleges that Gerald Sawyer serves as both Custodian for Records for the Ortiz Committee and as district director for Mr. Ortiz's district office. She also alleges that the campaign shares office space with the congressman's district office, both of which are located at 3649 Leopard Street, Corpus Christi, TX. In support of her contentions, she alleges that the Ortiz for Congress Committee provided the telephone number for the district office in a filing with the House Clerk as the place to which questions about campaign activity should be directed. She also alleges that this filing names Gerald Sawyer as the campaign contact point.

In response to the complaint, respondents affirm Mr. Sawyer's position as Congressman Ortiz's district director, but state that he fulfills his campaign-related duties as Custodian of Records for the Ortiz Committee in his free time after performing his duties as a federal employee. Respondents further assert that the Ortiz district office and the Ortiz campaign office occupy two different office suites within the same building; thus, they share an address but do not share office space. Respondents contend that the provision of the district office telephone number in the filing with the House Clerk was made in error, pointing out that the district and campaign offices have two different telephone numbers. Respondents conclude by providing assurances that measures have been taken to ensure that no further errors of this nature occur.

There appears to be no serious intent to violate the Act and this matter is less significant relative to other matters pending before the Commission.

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

May 19, 1997

Adelfino Palacios, Jr., Treasurer
Ortiz for Congress Committee
PO Box 7806
Corpus Christi, TX 78467

RE: MUR 4488

Dear Mr. Palacios:

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After considering the circumstances of this matter, the Commission has determined to exercise its prosecutorial discretion and to take no action against Ortiz for Congress Committee and you, as treasurer. See attached narrative. Accordingly, the Commission closed its file in this matter on May 19, 1997.

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 Alva E. Smith on our toll-free telephone number, 1 (800) 424-9530. Our local telephone number is (202) 219-3400.

Sincerely,

F. Andrew Turley
Supervisory Attorney
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Attachment
Narrative

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MUR 4488
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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

May 19, 1997

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Ortiz for Congress Committee
PO Box 7806
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