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Mr. Oscar H. Flores
8730 Shallow Ridge Drive
San Antonio, Texas 78239-4013

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July 4, 1997

Mr. John Warren McGarry, Chairman
Federal Election Commission
Washington, D.C. 20463

Dear Chairman McGarry:

Thank you for furnishing me the Federal Election Commission Campaign Guide, the video tape Campaign Guide For Congressional Candidates, and pointing out reporting problem areas.

As I read the Federal Election Commission Campaign Guide, I noticed several serious violations committed by the **Ciro D. Rodriguez** for U.S. Congress Campaign Committee, that I want to **officially report to the Federal Election Commission.**

I assisted **Ciro D. Rodriguez**, get elected during the 1997 Special and Run-Off elections for District 28. I did volunteer work at the campaign headquarters from February 13, through **April 14, 1997.** My daily duties were mainly to enter (post) all contributions received and campaign expenditures into the computer (*program used was Quicken*), post and file expenditure receipts, post and file deposit slips, provide account status reports to staff, and take deposits to the bank.

I first met Congressman Rodriguez on February 12, 1997, I was planning on being a candidate also, but after talking to him I decided to assist him. By that time, I had already requested all the necessary documents from your department. As soon as I received your packet, without opening the packet, I turned it over to Ms. Reyes, Campaign Coordinator for use at the headquarters. The key persons at the campaign headquarters were: Mr. Tommy Adkisson, Campaign Treasurer; Mr. John Puder, General Consultant; Mr. George W. Durazzo, Fund Raising Consultant; Ms. Norma Reyes, Campaign Coordinator; Ms. Dora Rico, Office Manager; and Mrs. Carolina Rodriguez.

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What the cash was actually used for I do not know, but I do not want it to be classified as payments made to me. I was never furnished any receipts to be entered into the Petty Cash account to cover the one thousand dollars or some of the other checks. The money was not used to pay block walkers, because they were paid with a campaign check just like the other block walkers (South side). When I brought it to the attention of Mrs. Rodriguez, congressman's wife, she told me, "Oscar, Rule # 1, Never assume!" as she looked at me, (*if looks could kill I would be dead right now*).

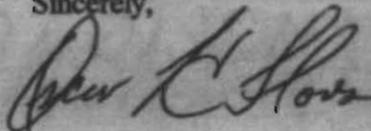
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Sincerely,



Oscar H. Flores

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20463

July 14, 1997

Mr. Oscar H. Flores
8730 Shallow Ridge Drive
San Antonio, TX 78239-4013

Dear Mr. Flores:

This is to acknowledge receipt on July 9, 1997, of your letter dated July 4, 1997. The Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended and Commission Regulations require that the contents of a complaint meet certain specific requirements. One of these requirements is that a complaint be sworn to and signed in the presence of a notary public and notarized. Your letter did not contain a notarization on your signature and was not properly sworn to.

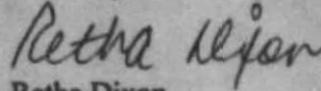
In order to file a legally sufficient complaint, you must swear before a notary that the contents of your complaint are true to the best of your knowledge. The notary must represent as part of the jurat that such swearing occurred. The preferred form is "Subscribed and sworn to before me on this ____ day of ____, 19__." A statement by the notary that the complaint was sworn to and subscribed before him/her also will be sufficient. We regret the inconvenience that these requirements may cause you, but we are not statutorily empowered to proceed with the handling of a compliance action unless all the statutory requirements are fulfilled. See 2 U.S.C. § 437g.

Please note that this matter will remain confidential for a 15 day period to allow you to correct the defects in your complaint. If the complaint is corrected and refiled within the 15 day period, the respondents will be so informed and provided a copy of the corrected complaint. The respondents will then have an additional 15 days to respond to the complaint on the merits. If the complaint is not corrected, the file will be closed and no additional notification will be provided to the respondents.

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Enclosed is a Commission brochure entitled "Filing a Complaint." I hope this material will be helpful to you should you wish to file a legally sufficient complaint with the Commission. If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact me at (202) 219-3410.

Sincerely,



Retha Dixon
Docket Chief

Enclosure

cc: **Ciro D. Rodriguez for Congress**
Playmor Bing Hall

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Mr. Oscar H. Flores
8730 Shallow Ridge Drive
San Antonio, Texas 78239-4013

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July 18, 1997

MUR 4663

Ms. Retha Dixon, Docket Chief
Office of General Counsel
Federal Election Commission
999 E. Street, NW
Washington, D.C. 20463

Dear Ms. Retha Dixon:

This is to acknowledge receipt on July 18, 1997, of your letter dated July 14, 1997. I have complied with the requirements stated in your letter.

As I read the Federal Election Commission Campaign Guide, I noticed several serious violations committed by the **Ciro D. Rodriguez** for U.S. Congress Campaign Committee, that I want to **officially report to the Office of General Counsel, Federal Election Commission.**

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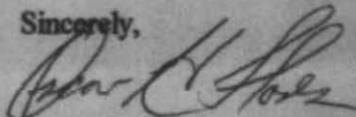
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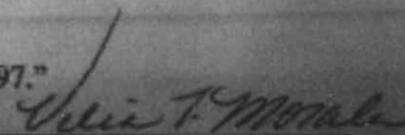

Oscar H. Flores

"Subscribed and sworn to before me on this 10th day of July, 1997."

BY OSCAR H. FLORES.



VELIA T. MORALES
Notary Public, State of Texas
My Comm. Exp. 02/04/01


NOTARY PUBLIC



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

July 25, 1997

Oscar H. Flores
8730 Shallow Ridge Drive
San Antonio, TX 78239-4013

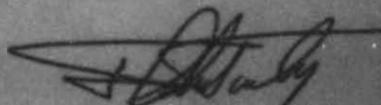
RE: MUR 4663

Dear Mr. Flores:

This letter acknowledges receipt on July 21, 1997, of your complaint 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 notarized and sworn to in the same manner as the original complaint. We have numbered this matter MUR 4663. 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,



Andrew Turley, Supervisory Attorney
Central Enforcement Docket

Enclosure
Procedures

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20463

July 25, 1997

Thomas F. Adkisson, Treasurer
Ciro D. Rodriguez for Congress
363 W. Harding
San Antonio, TX 78221

RE: MUR 4663

Dear Mr. Adkisson:

The Federal Election Commission received a complaint which indicates that
Ciro D. Rodriguez 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 4663. 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
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Sincerely,



F. Andrew Tyrley
Supervisory Attorney
Central Enforcement Docket

cc: **Ciro D. Rodriguez**

Enclosures

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

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20463

July 25, 1997

Fred Vega, President
Play-More Hall
919 Pleasanton Road
San Antonio, TX 78214-1657

RE: MUR 4663

Dear Mr. Vega:

The Federal Election Commission received a complaint which indicates that Play-More Hall ("Committee") and you, 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 4663. Please refer to this number in all future correspondence.

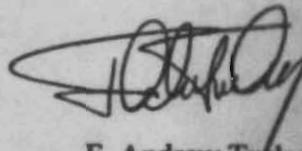
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Central Enforcement Docket

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20463

July 25, 1997

John Puder
6826 Hillside Blf
San Antonio, TX 78233-3831

RE: MUR 4663

Dear Mr. Puder:

The Federal Election Commission received a complaint which indicates that you, 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 4663. Please refer to this number in all future correspondence.

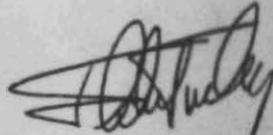
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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20463

July 25, 1997

Dora E. Rico
6200 Gulfon St.
Houston, TX 77081-2300

RE: MUR 4663

Dear Ms. Rico:

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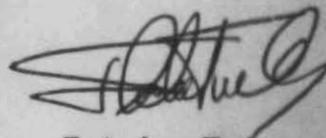
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Sincerely,



F. Andrew Turley
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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20463

July 25, 1997

George W. Durazzo
109 Lexington
Suite 210
San Antonio, TX 78205

RE: MUR 4663

Dear Mr. Durazzo:

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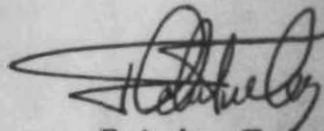
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In MUR 4663, several individuals who were notified of the filing of the complaint responded by asserting that, although they had names similar to the parties to the case, they were in no way involved. Accordingly, their notification letters and responses have been deleted from this file pursuant to 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(7)(C).

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

July 30, 1997

Fred Vega, President
Play-More Hall
919 Pleasanton Road
San Antonio, TX 78214-1657

VIA FIRST CLASS MAIL

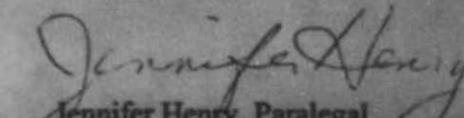
RE: MUR 4663

Dear Mr. Vega:

In reference to the notification package sent to you on July 25, 1997, please note that a clerical error indicated that Play-More Hall and you are respondents in MUR 4663. In actuality, the respondent is Play-More Hall. You, personally, are a respondent only in your representative capacity for Play-More Hall.

I apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (202) 219-3690 or at 800-424-9530.

Sincerely,


Jennifer Henry, Paralegal
Central Enforcement Docket

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CIRO D. RODRIGUEZ FOR U.S. CONGRESS

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MAILING ADDRESS
363 W. HARDING
SAN ANTONIO, TX 78221

HEADQUARTER ADDRESS
1127 RAYBURN
SAN ANTONIO, TX 78224
TEL. 210-927-0100
FAX 210-927-5098

August 14, 1997

F. Andrew Turley
Supervisory Attorney
Central Enforcement Docket
Office of the General Counsel
Federal Election Commission
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RE: MUR4663

Dear Mr. Turley:

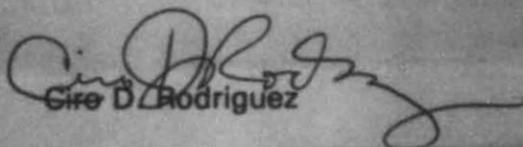
I write this letter in response to the complaint submitted by Mr. Oscar H. Flores on July 21, 1997. Your office forwarded me a copy of the complaint while I was in transit from Washington, D.C., and I learned of the complaint on August 11, 1997.

Request for Extension of Time

The House of Representatives recessed on July 31, 1997, and I left Washington, D.C. by car on August 2, 1997. I did not become aware that Mr. Flores had filed his complaint until the next week, but even then I was on the road. Upon my return to San Antonio I needed to prepare for and attend a series of previously scheduled meetings. During this past week, I held three town hall meetings in deep South Texas (Starr and Zapata Counties), and I have accordingly been out of town for a number of days. During this time I have not had the opportunity to review my campaign records in any detail, discuss the details with others who worked on the campaign, or fully prepare a response. Under these circumstances, I would ask for an extension of time of 30 days in order to file a complete response.

I appreciate your attention to this letter and I would ask that you grant my request for an extension of time.

Sincerely,


Ciro D. Rodriguez

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

August 22, 1997

Representative Ciro D. Rodriguez
363 W. Harding
San Antonio, TX 78221

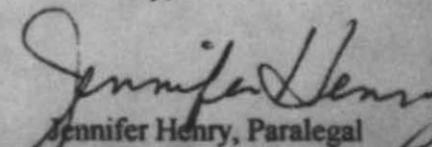
RE: MUR 4663

Dear Representative Rodriguez:

This is in response to your letter dated August 14, 1997, which we received on August 19, requesting a 30 day extension to respond to the complaint filed in the above-noted matter. After considering the circumstances presented in your letter, the Office of the General Counsel has granted the requested extension. Accordingly, your response is due by the close of business on September 25, 1997.

If you have any questions, please contact me on our toll-free telephone number, (800) 424-9530. Our local telephone number is (202) 219-3400.

Sincerely,


Jennifer Henry, Paralegal
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Leroy Drury, Member
Play-Mor Hall
919 Pleasanton Road
San Antonio, TX 78214

August 13, 1997

Ms. Retha Dixon, Docket Chief
Office of General Counsel
Federal Election Commission
999 E. Street, NW
Washington DC 20463

RE: MUR 4663

Dear Ms. Dixon:

In reference to the notification package sent to Play-Mor Hall on July 25, 1997, concerning In-Kind Contributions, I would like to demonstrate in writing that the circumstances as stated in the complaint are false.

According to the complaint made by Oscar H. Flores, the contribution was made by the owner of the premises. The owner of the building was not involved in this matter because this space is leased out. The restaurant / kitchen area is leased to the Ranch House Cafe, and the rest of the hall is leased to the American G.I. Forum. I am a member and contact person for the G.I. Forum and I have the authorization to schedule events such as this. It was agreed upon that the charge for partial use of the premises by the Rodriguez Committee for the evening would cost \$300.00 per occasion and be payable to the G.I. Forum. This cost was for use of the hall only. The committee was responsible for any arrangements, cleanup, security, etc.

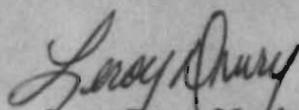
Also stated in this complaint is that another individual was given credit for the contribution. Any misunderstanding or clerical errors that occur within the committee and their reporting practices are unknown to me and I am unable to give an explanation for their occurrence.

Mr. Flores was never directly involved in this matter. Any acquaintance with this gentleman would have been at this particular function and only on a casual basis. However, I have no recollection of even a casual meeting and I do not know on what basis he has filed this complaint.

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If you have any questions or need clarification on any matters, please feel free to call
Leroy Drury at (210) 921-9080.

Sincerely,


Leroy Drury, Member
American G.I. Forum

cc: Fred Vega

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Mr. Oscar H. Flores
8730 Shallow Ridge Drive
San Antonio, Texas 78239-4013

September 12, 1997

Ms. Retha Dixon, Docket Chief
Office of General Counsel
Federal Election Commission
999 E. Street, NW
Washington, D.C. 20463

RE: MUR 4663

Dear Ms. Retha Dixon:

As I continue to refer to the Federal Election Commission Campaign Guide, similar to the one that was provided to the *Ciro D. Rodriguez* for U.S. Congress Campaign Committee, I have recalled several suspicious incidents that I want to officially report to the Office of General Counsel, Federal Election Commission.

One incident that I define as *Money Laundering*, deals with a campaign contribution by Mrs. *Linda Cisneros*. *Linda Cisneros*, is the younger sister to Congressman *Rodriguez's* wife, and was a volunteer at the campaign headquarters. In the early stages of the Special Campaign, she made a one-thousand dollar contribution. Several weeks later, when more contributions from PACs were received, the *Ciro D. Rodriguez* for U.S. Congress Campaign Committee wrote her a check for one-thousand dollars. I questioned this transaction because when I entered the transaction on the campaign headquarters computer, I noticed that the campaign check was made out to a *Herlinda Cisneros*. Ms. *Dora Rico*, Office Manager told me that it was *Linda*, but to enter it as it is written (*Herlinda Cisneros*) on the check book stub.

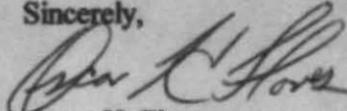
Another incident is when Congressman *Rodriguez's* younger brother, better known as *Chico*, asked me if I could bring him my gasoline receipt. I thought the campaign committee was going to reimburse me for my gasoline during the campaign. I told *Chico* that I did not want to get reimbursed for my gasoline, that it would be my contribution to the campaign. He laughed and stated that he still needed the receipt to cover the use of petty cash. Now, I wonder how many of the receipts are legitimate.

IRS Notice Requirements, were not addressed on Congressman *Rodriguez's* solicitations for contributions, informing solicitees that their contributions are not tax deductible. In the early stages of the Special and Run-Off elections Congressman *Rodriguez* knew that he would exceed \$100,000, but no effort was made to notify contributors that their contributions would not be tax deductible. This violation can still be corrected by notifying contributors that are affected.

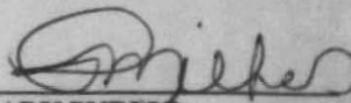
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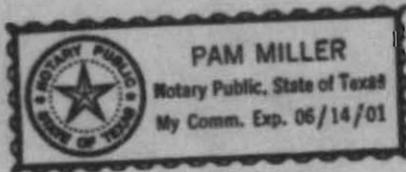
I am willing to testify to the charges that I have made against Congressman Rodriguez, his wife, and the Ciro D. Rodriguez for U.S. Congress Campaign Committee Staff. I can be reached at (210) 653-3713 (M-F/AM).

Sincerely,


Oscar H. Flores

"Subscribed and sworn to before me on this 12th day of September, 1997, by Oscar H. Flores."


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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

September 18, 1997

Oscar H. Flores
8730 Shallow Ridge Drive
San Antonio, TX 78239-4013

RE: MUR 4663

Dear Mr. Flores:

This letter acknowledges receipt on September 15, 1997, of the amendment to the complaint you filed on July 21, 1997. The respondent(s) will be sent copies of the amendment. You will be notified as soon as the Federal Election Commission takes final action on your complaint.

Sincerely,

F. Andrew Turley
Supervisory Attorney
Central Enforcement Docket

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

September 18, 1997

Thomas F. Adkisson, Treasurer
Ciro D. Rodriguez for Congress
363 W. Harding
San Antonio, TX 78221

RE: MUR 4663

Dear Mr. Adkisson:

On July 25, 1997, you were notified that the Federal Election Commission received a complaint from Oscar Flores alleging violations of certain sections of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended. At that time you were given a copy of the complaint and informed that a response to the complaint should be submitted within 15 days of receipt of the notification.

On September 15, 1997, the Commission received additional information from the complainant pertaining to the allegations in the complaint. Enclosed is a copy of this additional information. As this new information is considered an amendment to the original complaint, you are hereby afforded an additional 15 days in which to respond to the allegations.

If you have any questions, please contact Jennifer Boyt on our toll-free number, (800)-424-9530. Our local number is (202) 219-3690.

Sincerely,

F. Andrew Turley
Supervisory Attorney
Central Enforcement Docket

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cc: Representative Ciro D. Rodriguez

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

September 18, 1997

Fred Vega, President
Play-More Hall
919 Pleasanton Road
San Antonio, TX 78214-1657

RE: MUR 4663

Dear Mr. Vega:

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Sincerely,

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F. Andrew Turley
Supervisory Attorney
Central Enforcement Docket

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

September 18, 1997

John Puder
6826 Hillside Blf
San Antonio, TX 78223-3831

RE: MUR 4663

Dear Mr. Puder:

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Sincerely,

F. Andrew Turley
Supervisory Attorney
Central Enforcement Docket

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

September 18, 1997

Dora E. Rico
6200 Gulfton St.
Houston, TX 77081-2300

RE: MUR 4663

Dear Ms. Rico:

On July 25, 1997, you were notified that the Federal Election Commission received a complaint from Oscar Flores alleging violations of certain sections of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended. At that time you were given a copy of the complaint and informed that a response to the complaint should be submitted within 15 days of receipt of the notification.

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Sincerely,

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F. Andrew Turley
Supervisory Attorney
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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

September 18, 1997

George W. Durazzo
109 Lexington
Suite 210
San Antonio, TX 78205

RE: MUR 4663

Dear Mr. Durazzo:

On July 25, 1997, you were notified that the Federal Election Commission received a complaint from Oscar Flores alleging violations of certain sections of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended. At that time you were given a copy of the complaint and informed that a response to the complaint should be submitted within 15 days of receipt of the notification.

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F. Andrew Turley
Supervisory Attorney
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Ciro D. Rodriguez

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September 25, 1997

Federal Election Commission
Attn: Ms. Jennifer Henry
999 E Street, NW
Washington, DC 20463

Dear Sirs/Madam:

I write this letter in response to the complaint submitted by Mr. Oscar H. Flores on July 21, 1997. By letter dated August 14, 1997, I requested an extension of time to respond, which the FEC granted through September 25, 1997.

The complaint submitted by Mr. Flores makes a series of vague claims with little indication on the surface of any wrongdoing. His allegations, moreover, are politically motivated as he intends to run against me in the Democratic primary for the seat I now hold. Following a brief background discussion, I will respond to each of his three allegations

The special election in question took place on March 15, 1997, followed by a runoff election held on April 12, 1997. Texas Governor George Bush called this special election to fill the seat left open by the untimely death of Congressman Frank Tejeda on January 30, 1997. The filing deadline for the special election was only a few days later, on or about February 12, 1997.

During the first few days of this whirlwind campaign, I quickly assembled a capable team. Given the nature of the campaign and truncated schedule, a very large number of volunteers assisted my campaign. During the first five weeks of the special election, my campaign raised approximately \$250,000, or an average of more than \$7,000 per day. We raised another \$200,000 during the four-week

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runoff campaign.

This special election was my first federal campaign following a number of successful campaigns for state and local office. I made every effort to comply with all applicable laws and regulations, and I stressed the need for full compliance with my campaign staff. It is my belief that we did not violate any election laws or regulations. To the extent we made any mistakes, they were inadvertent, de minimis and a result of the particularly rushed and harried nature of this campaign.

Mr. Flores complains of three alleged violations of the federal election laws. In general, his complaints lack specificity and first-hand knowledge. He makes accusations based on information he admits he does not know. Mr. Flores indicates in his letter that he considered prior to the last election and has stated publicly his own candidacy for the seat I now hold.

First, he alleges some unspecified discrepancy between the date the contribution was made and the date of receipt indicated on FEC forms. He also references conversations regarding questionable contributions.

With money, checks and cash, coming in quickly, we worked diligently with few resources to record accurately the date that contributions were made to the campaign. Given the extremely truncated campaign time, we were hard pressed to process the contributions: to verify necessary information, determine the exact date of receipt, cash the checks, and maintain accurate records. In some cases, we had doubts as to the exact date of receipt and needed to make a best, reasonable estimate. But any discrepancy, especially in light of the time frame, could not have been more than a few days or a week at most, and I flatly deny any suggestion that the campaign held onto checks without reporting them for any unlawful reason.

To the contrary, in many instances, we debated whether certain contributions were legal. For instance, we would sometimes need to inquire whether the monies were from corporate or union funds. In other instances, we needed to inquire whether the persons making the contribution had reached any applicable limits. These conversations, despite the insinuation in Mr. Flores's complaint, indicate our daily efforts to ensure compliance with FEC requirements. Questionable contributions would be returned without being deposited as a matter

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of course.

The second allegation by Mr. Flores, the one he states is the "most serious," relates more to Mr. Flores's concern that he might have violated tax laws than any alleged impropriety by the campaign. Once again, he admits that he does not know any details regarding any wrongdoing, and in fact he states that he saw nothing wrong in the process in a campaign that spent hundreds of thousands of dollars.

At base, he is in reality chiefly "concerned" that petty cash payments might be considered income to him personally. He states: "What the cash was used for I do not know, but I do not want it classified as payments made to me." Upon reviewing our FEC filings, it appears that on one occasion we recorded a payment to Mr. Flores for campaign work ("block walking") when in fact the report should indicate that the money was for petty cash. I am filing an amendment to indicate this change.

Mr. Flores suggests that the campaign committed some wrong because he does not know how the money was used. To be blunt, it was not his role, as a campaign volunteer, to know how every dollar was spent. On a number of occasions, in order to generate petty cash, checks would be made out to "cash" or, for better security, the name of an individual who would then cash the check and return the cash to the campaign. The money in question was used primarily to purchase food and beverages for volunteers and some to pay block walkers and other organizers small amounts of money, in the range of \$20 to \$35, for their efforts. The campaign maintained a complete log and receipts for petty cash disbursements.

The third allegation is that the campaign did not adequately record an in-kind contribution for the use of a hall on the nights following each of the election days. At the time of the events in question, it was our belief that the use of the hall was a proper in-kind contribution. Upon review of this matter, it appears that the wrong person was recorded in our FEC filing. This mistake resulted, I believe, from confusion over who should receive credit for the contribution and the rushed nature of the campaign. The confusion resulted in part at least because the hall is owned by a non-profit entity. To avoid any suggestion or appearance of impropriety, the campaign will be making a payment for the use of the hall on each occasion. For your reference, enclosed are copies of checks paid for use of

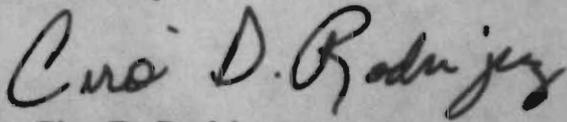
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the hall. We will reflect this payment in our next FEC filing unless you advise us otherwise.

I appreciate your attention to this letter. I hope upon your review that you will agree with me that the allegations made by Mr. Flores are at best insubstantial and should be dismissed.

Sincerely,



Ciro D. Rodriguez

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REPORT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

For An Authorized Committee
(Primary Page)

USE FEC MAILING LABEL
OR
TYPE OR PRINT

1. NAME OF COMMITTEE (in full) Ciro D. Rodriguez for U.S. Congress		2. FEC IDENTIFICATION NUMBER C00326066
ADDRESS (number and street) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Check if different than previously reported. P.O. Box 14608		
CITY, STATE and ZIP CODE SAW ANTONIO, TEXAS 78244-0608 (28th)	STATE/DISTRICT Tx / 28th	3. IS THIS REPORT AN AMENDMENT? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO

4. TYPE OF REPORT

<input type="checkbox"/> April 15 Quarterly Report	<input type="checkbox"/> 12-Day Pre-Election Report for the _____ (Type of Election)
<input type="checkbox"/> July 15 Quarterly Report	election on _____ in the State of _____
<input type="checkbox"/> October 15 Quarterly Report	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 30-Day Post-Election Report for the Spec. Post-Run-Off (Type of Election)
<input type="checkbox"/> January 31 Year End Report	election on 4/13/07 in the State of TEXAS
<input type="checkbox"/> July 31 Mid-Year Report (Non-election Year Only)	<input type="checkbox"/> Termination Report

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

SUMMARY

5. Covering Period 9/24/97 through 5/2/97	COLUMN A This Period	COLUMN B Calendar Year-to-Date
6. Net Contributions (other than loans)		
(a) Total Contributions (other than loans) (from Line 11(e))	230,693	504,419
(b) Total Contribution Refunds (from Line 20(d))	0	0
(c) Net Contributions (other than loans) (subtract Line 6(b) from 6(a))	230,693	504,419
7. Net Operating Expenditures		
(a) Total Operating Expenditures (from Line 17)	229,508	504,945
(b) Total Offsets to Operating Expenditures (from Line 14)	0	0
(c) Net Operating Expenditures (subtract Line 7(b) from 7(a))	229,508	504,945
8. Cash on Hand at Close of Reporting Period (from Line 27)	1974	For further information contact: Federal Election Commission 999 E Street, NW Washington, DC 20463 Toll Free 800-424-9530 Local 202-219-3420
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)	2500	

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 Thomas Adkisson	
Signature of Treasurer <i>Thomas Adkisson</i>	Date 9/22/97

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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FEC FORM 3
(revised 4/87)

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR PREPARING FEC FORM 3

WHO MUST FILE

A political committee designated in writing by a candidate for the House of Representatives or Senate to serve as his or her principal campaign committee is required to file periodic Reports of Receipts and Disbursements on FEC FORM 3.

Any other political committee authorized in writing by a candidate for the House of Representatives or Senate to receive contributions or make expenditures on the candidate's behalf is required to file FEC FORM 3 with the principal campaign committee. The principal campaign committee must compile and consolidate the reports required to be filed with it. These consolidated reports must include: the candidate's activity, reports submitted to the principal campaign committee by any other authorized committees, and the principal campaign committee's own activity. This consolidation must be made on FEC FORM 3Z.

ALL POLITICAL COMMITTEES AUTHORIZED IN WRITING BY A CANDIDATE FOR THE OFFICE OF PRESIDENT OR VICE PRESIDENT MUST FILE ON FEC FORM 3P.

ALL POLITICAL COMMITTEES OTHER THAN THOSE AUTHORIZED BY A CANDIDATE MUST FILE ON FEC FORM 3X.

WHEN TO FILE

In any calendar year in which there is a "Regular" November General Election for which the candidate is seeking nomination for election or election, the candidate's principal campaign committee must file the following reports on FEC FORM 3:

— Quarterly reports must be filed no later than April 15, July 15, October 15 and January 31 of the following calendar year. Each such report must disclose all transactions from the last report filed through the last day of the calendar quarter. A quarterly report is not required to be filed if a Pre-election Report is required to be filed during the period beginning on the 5th day and ending on the 15th day after the close of the calendar quarter.

— A 12 Day Pre-election Report must be filed no later than the 12th day before any primary or general election in which the candidate seeks election and must include all transactions from the closing date of the last report filed through the 20th day before the election. A 12 Day Pre-election Report sent by certified or registered mail must be mailed no later than the 15th day before the election.

— A 30 Day Post-general Election Report must be filed no later than 30 days after the general election and include transactions from the closing date of the last report filed through the 20th day after the general election.

In any other calendar year, the following reports are required:

— A Mid Year Report must be filed no later than July 31 and include transactions beginning January 1 and ending June 30.

— A Year End Report must be filed no later than January 31 of the following calendar year and include transactions beginning July 1 and ending December 31.

A document is timely filed upon delivery to the appropriate office (see "Where to File") by the close of the prescribed filing date or upon deposit as registered or certified mail in an established U.S. Post Office and postmarked no later than midnight of the day the report is due, except that a Pre-election Report so mailed must be postmarked no later than midnight of the 15th day before the date of the election. Reports and statements sent by first class mail must be received by the appropriate office by the close of business of the prescribed filing date to be timely filed.

WHERE TO FILE

An original report and any amendments to an original report must be filed as follows:

— The principal campaign committee of a candidate for the House of Representatives must file with the Federal Election Commission, 999 E Street, NW, Washington DC 20463. Other authorized committees of the candidate must file with the principal campaign committee.

Committee.

— The principal campaign committee of a candidate for the Senate must file with Secretary of the Senate, Office of Public Records, 232 Hart Senate Office Building, Washington, DC 20510-7116. Other authorized committees of the candidate must file with the principal campaign committee.

A copy of each report filed by the principal campaign committee must be filed with the Secretary of State (or appropriate State officer) of the State in which nomination or election is sought.

OVERVIEW OF THE RECORDKEEPING AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

A political committee may use any recordkeeping or accounting system which will enable it to comply with the Act. The Commission recommends that the recordkeeping or accounting system of a political committee keep a separate accounting for each of the various categories of receipts and disbursements on the Detailed Summary Page. This separate accounting will assist the political committee in filling out the reporting forms, since separate reporting schedules are required for each category. The reporting schedules should be filled out first so that the totals can be derived for each category. The total figures should be carried forward to the Detailed Summary Page and then (where appropriate) from the Detailed Summary Page to the Summary Page.

TREASURER'S RESPONSIBILITIES

A copy of this Report must be preserved by the treasurer of the political committee for a period of not less than three years from the date of filing. The treasurer of the political committee is personally responsible for the timely and complete filing of the report and for the accuracy of any information contained in it.

It is recommended that committees complete the Detailed Summary Page before completing the Summary Page.

LINE BY LINE INSTRUCTIONS

LINE 1 Please use the mailing label we sent you. If your address has changed or you do not have a label, print or type the complete name and mailing address of your committee. (Note: If your mailing label has a mistake on it simply mark through and correct any errors on it.)

LINE 2 Enter the FEC Identification Number assigned to the committee.

LINE 3 If this is an original report, check the "NO" box. If this is an amendment to a previous report, check the "YES" box.

LINE 4 Check the appropriate boxes. If the report is a 12 Day Pre-election or 30 Day Post-general Election Report, supply the type of election (primary, general, convention, special or run-off), the date of the election, and the State in which the election is held. In addition, check the appropriate box(es) which indicate which election this report contains activity for. For example, if a political committee is raising funds to pay off primary debts and simultaneously raising funds for the general election, check both the "Primary Election" box and the "General Election" box. If a political committee is raising funds for a primary election which is part of a special election, check the "Primary Election" box and the "Special Election" box.

LINE 5 Enter the coverage dates (day/month/year) for this report. All activity from the ending coverage date of the last report filed must be included.

LINE 6(a) Transfer the amounts from Column A and Column B of Line 11(e) of the Detailed Summary Page to the corresponding columns on Line 6(a).

LINE 6(b) Transfer the amounts from Column A and Column B of Line 20(d) of the Detailed Summary Page to the corresponding columns on Line 6(b).

LINE 6(c) For both Column A and Column B subtract Line 6(b) from 6(a) to derive the figures for 6(c).

LINE 7(a) Transfer the amounts from Column A and Column B of Line 17 of the Detailed Summary Page to the corresponding columns on Line 7(a).

LINE 7(b) Transfer the amounts from Column A and Column B of Line 14 of the Detailed Summary Page to the corresponding columns on Line 7(b).

LINE 7(c) For both Column A and Column B subtract Line 7(b) from 7(a) to derive the figures for Line 7(c).

LINE 8 Transfer the total amount of cash on hand at the close of the reporting period from Line 27 of the Detailed Summary Page to Line 8.

LINE 9 Transfer the total amount of debts and obligations owed TO the committee from Schedule C or D.

LINE 10 Transfer the total amount of debts and obligations owed BY the committee from Schedule C or D.

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DETAILED SUMMARY PAGE

of Receipts and Disbursements

(Page 2, FEC FORM 3)

Name of Committee (in full)

Ciro D. Rodriguez for US Congress

Report Covering the Period:

From: *3/24/97*

To: *5/2/97*

I. RECEIPTS

COLUMN A
Total This Period

COLUMN B
Calendar Year-To-Date

11. CONTRIBUTIONS (other than loans) FROM:

(a) Individuals/Persons Other Than Political Committees

(i) Itemized (use Schedule A) _____

74,841

(ii) Unitemized _____

20,052

(iii) Total of contributions from individuals _____

94,893

215,669

(b) Political Party Committees _____

7,800

7,800

(c) Other Political Committees (such as PACs) _____

188,000

280,950

(d) The Candidate _____

0

0

(e) TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS (other than loans) (add 11(a)(iii), (b), (c) and (d)) _____

230,693

504,419

12. TRANSFERS FROM OTHER AUTHORIZED COMMITTEES _____

0

0

13. LOANS:

(a) Made or Guaranteed by the Candidate _____

0

2500

(b) All Other Loans _____

0

0

(c) TOTAL LOANS (add 13(a) and (b)) _____

0

2500

14. OFFSETS TO OPERATING EXPENDITURES (Refunds, Rebates, etc.) _____

0

0

15. OTHER RECEIPTS (Dividends, Interest, etc.) _____

0

0

16. TOTAL RECEIPTS (add 11(e), 12, 13(c), 14 and 15) _____

230,693

506,919

II. DISBURSEMENTS

17. OPERATING EXPENDITURES _____

229,508

504,945

18. TRANSFERS TO OTHER AUTHORIZED COMMITTEES _____

0

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) Individuals/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

0

22. TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS (add 17, 18, 19(c), 20(d) and 21) _____

229,508

504,945

III. CASH SUMMARY

23. CASH ON HAND AT BEGINNING OF REPORTING PERIOD _____

\$ 789.00

24. TOTAL RECEIPTS THIS PERIOD (from Line 16) _____

\$ 230,693.00

25. SUBTOTAL (add Line 23 and Line 24) _____

\$ 231,482.00

26. TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS THIS PERIOD (from Line 22) _____

\$ 229,508.00

27. CASH ON HAND AT CLOSE OF THE REPORTING PERIOD (subtract Line 26 from 25) _____

\$ 1,974.00

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR DETAILED SUMMARY PAGE **FEC FORM 3**

An authorized committee must report the total amount of receipts and disbursements during the reporting period and during the calendar year for each category of receipts and disbursements on FEC FORM 3. The committee's full name and the coverage dates for the report must be entered in the appropriate blocks. If there are no receipts or disbursements for a particular category for a reporting period or calendar year enter "0".

To derive the "Calendar Year-to-Date" figure for each category, the political committee should add the "Calendar Year-to-Date" total from the previous report to the "Total This Period" from Column A for the current report. For the first report filed for a calendar year, the "Calendar Year-to-Date" figure is equal to the "Total This Period" figure.

LINE 11(a)(i) Enter the total amount of contributions (other than loans) from individuals, partnerships, and other persons who are not political committees that are required to be itemized on Schedule A. For each such person who has made one or more contributions during the calendar year aggregating in excess of \$200, the committee must itemize on Schedule A and provide the identification (full name, mailing address, occupation and name of employer) of the person, date and amount of each contribution aggregating in excess of \$200, the aggregate year-to-date total and whether the contributions is for a primary, general, or other election.

LINE 11(a)(ii) Enter the total amount of all contributions from individual persons other than political committees not required to be itemized on Schedule A.

LINE 11(a)(iii) Add lines 11(a)(i) and 11(a)(ii) to derive the figure for Column A. For the Column B figure, see above instructions for how to calculate the Calendar Year-to-Date figure.

LINE 11(b) Enter the total amount of contributions (other than loans) from political party committees on Line 11(b). These contributions must be itemized on Schedule A, regardless of the amount. For each contribution, provide the identification (full name and address) of the committee, date and amount of the contribution, the aggregate year-to-date total and whether the contribution is for a primary, general or other election.

LINE 11(c) Enter the total amount of contributions (other than loans) from other political committees on Line 11(c). These contributions must be itemized on Schedule A, regardless of the amount. For each contribution, provide the identification (full name and address) of the committee, date and amount of the contribution, the aggregate year-to-date total, and whether the contribution is for a primary, general or other election. Do not abbreviate committee names.

LINE 11(d) Enter the total amount of contributions (other than loans) from the candidate on Line 11(d). If the candidate makes one or more contributions during the calendar year aggregating in excess of \$200, the committee must provide on Schedule A the identification (full name, mailing address, occupation and name of employer), date and amount of each contribution aggregating in excess of \$200, and the aggregate year-to-date total.

LINE 11(e) For both Column A and Column B add Lines 11(a)(iii), 11(b), 11(c) and 11(d) to derive the figures for Line 11(e).

LINE 12 Enter the total amount of transfers from other authorized committees of the same candidate on Line 12. Loans and loan repayments received from other authorized committees of the same candidate must be included on this line and not on Line 13(b). These transfers must be itemized on Schedule A, regardless of the amount. For each transfer, provide the identification (full name and mailing address) of the committee, date and amount of the transfer and the aggregate year-to-date total.

LINE 13(a) Enter the total amount of loans made or guaranteed by the candidate on Line 13(a). This category includes personal loans from the candidate and

loans from lending institutions which are secured, endorsed or guaranteed by the candidate and used in connection with the candidate's campaign for Federal office. All loans made, guaranteed or endorsed by the candidate must be itemized on Schedule A, regardless of the amount. For each loan, provide the identification (full name, mailing address, occupation and name of employer), date and amount of the loan and the aggregate year-to-date total (see also instructions for Schedule C). NOTE: A loan guaranteed by the candidate and any other person(s) must be apportioned between the candidate on Line 13(a) and the other person(s) on Line 13(b).

LINE 13(b) Enter the total amount of all other loans received on Line 13(b). This category includes all other types of loans. These loans must be itemized on Schedule A, regardless of the amount. For each loan provide the identification (full name, mailing address and where applicable, occupation and name of employer) of the person making the loan, date and amount of the loan, the aggregate year-to-date total and whether the loan is for a primary, general or other election. This committee must also provide on Schedule C the identification of any endorser or guarantor and the amount of the endorsement or guarantee (see also instructions for Schedule C).

LINE 14 Enter the total amount of offsets to operating expenditures (including refunds, rebates, and returns of deposits) on Line 14. For each person who provides rebates, refunds and other offset to operating expenditures aggregating in excess of \$200 for the calendar year, the committee must provide on Schedule A the identification of the person, date and amount of each receipt aggregating in excess of \$200 and the aggregate year-to-date total.

LINE 15 Enter the total amount of other receipts (including dividends and interest) on Line 15. For each person who provides any dividends, interest or other receipts aggregating in excess of \$200 for the calendar year, the committee must provide on Schedule A the identification of the person, the date and amount of each receipt aggregating in excess of \$200 and the aggregate year-to-date total.

LINE 16 For both Column A and Column B add Lines 11(e), 12, 13(c), 14 and 15 to derive the figures for Line 16.

LINE 17 Enter the total amount of operating expenditures on Line 17. Examples of operating expenditures are: media advertising, newspaper advertising, salaries, travel, rent and telephones. For each person who receives payments for operating expenditures aggregating in excess of \$200 for the calendar year, the committee must provide on Schedule B the full name and mailing address, date and amount of each operating expenditure aggregating in excess of \$200 and the purpose of the expenditure (see also instructions for Schedule B).

LINE 18 Enter the total amount of transfers to other authorized committees of the same candidate on Line 18. These transfers must be itemized on Schedule B, regardless

of the amount. For each transfer, provide the full name and mailing address of the recipient committee, date and amount and state that the purpose of the disbursement is a "transfer".

LINE 19(a) Enter the total amount of loan repayments on loans made or guaranteed by the candidate on Line 19(a). All loan repayments must be itemized on Schedule E regardless of the amount. For each person who receives loan repayment, provide the full name, mailing address, date, amount and state that the purpose of the disbursement is a "loan repayment" (see also instructions for Schedule C).

LINE 19(b) Enter the total amount of loan repayments on all other loans on Line 19(b) (see instructions for Line 19(a) for other reporting requirements).

LINE 19(c) For both Column A and Column B add Lines 19(a) and 19(b) to derive the figures for Line 19(c).

LINE 20(a) Enter the total amount of contribution refunds to individuals/persons other than political committees on Line 20(a). For each person who receives a refund of a contribution which was previously itemized on Schedule A the committee must provide on Schedule B the full name, mailing address, date, amount and state that the purpose of the disbursement is a "contribution refund".

LINE 20(b) Enter the total amount of contribution refunds to political party committees on Line 20(b). All such refunds must be itemized on Schedule B, regardless of the amount. For each contribution refund, provide the full name, mailing address, date, amount, and state that the purpose of the disbursement is a "contribution refund".

LINE 20(c) Enter the total amount of contribution refunds to other political committees on Line 20(c) (see instructions for Line 20(b) for other reporting requirements).

LINE 20(d) For both Column A and Column B add Lines 20(a), 20(b) and 20(c) to derive the figures for Line 20(d).

LINE 21 Enter the total amount of other disbursements on Line 21. For each such person who receives any disbursement(s) not otherwise disclosed where the aggregate amount or value is in excess of \$200, the committee must provide the full name and address of each such person, together with the date, amount and purpose of any such disbursement.

LINE 22 For both Column A and Column B add the totals on Lines 17, 18, 19(c), 20(d) and 21 to derive the figures for Line 22.

LINE 23 Enter the total amount of cash on hand at the beginning of the reporting period. This amount includes: currency; balance on deposit in banks, savings and loans institutions, and other depository institutions; traveler's checks owned by the committee; certificates of deposit, treasury bills, and other committee investments valued at cost.

LINE 24 Transfer the amount from Column A of Line 16 to Line 24.

LINE 25 Add Lines 23 and 24 to derive the figure for Line 25.

LINE 26 Transfer the amount from Column A of Line 22 to Line 26.

LINE 27 Subtract Line 26 from Line 25 to derive cash on hand at the close of the reporting period for Line 27.

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SCHEDULE B

ITEMIZED DISBURSEMENTS

Use separate schedules for each category of the Detailed Summary Page

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FOR LINE NUMBER 17

Any information copied 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)

Ciro D. Rodriguez for Congress Committee

A. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code	Purpose of Disbursement	Date (month, day, year)	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period
Conrad Carrasco 214 W. Brazos Pearsale, TX 78061	campaign work Disbursement for: <input type="checkbox"/> Primary <input type="checkbox"/> General <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (specify) <u>Exp Run Off</u>	3-26-97	1900
Norma Keys 848 Alx Hamilton San Antonio, TX 78228	campaign travel Disbursement for: <input type="checkbox"/> Primary <input type="checkbox"/> General <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (specify) <u>Exp Run Off</u>	3-26-97	30.02 377.85
San Antonio Snap 1509 E Houston San Antonio, TX 78212	newspaper ads Disbursement for: <input type="checkbox"/> Primary <input type="checkbox"/> General <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (specify) <u>Exp Run Off</u>	3-27-97	400
San Antonio Register P.O. Box 1298 San Antonio, TX 78294	newspaper ads Disbursement for: <input type="checkbox"/> Primary <input type="checkbox"/> General <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (specify) <u>Exp Run Off</u>	3-27-97	400
San Antonio Observer P.O. Box 200224 San Antonio, TX 78294	newspaper ads Disbursement for: <input type="checkbox"/> Primary <input type="checkbox"/> General <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (specify) <u>Exp Run Off</u>	3-28-97	600
Andres Gonzalez 8601 United Kingdom Austin, TX 78748	field director Disbursement for: <input type="checkbox"/> Primary <input type="checkbox"/> General <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (specify) <u>Exp Run Off</u>	8-24-97 4-6-97 4-13-97	1250 1250 2500
Southwestern Bell P.O. Box 4845 Houston, TX 77097	phone services Disbursement for: <input type="checkbox"/> Primary <input type="checkbox"/> General <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (specify) <u>Exp Run Off</u>	3-31-97 4-1-97 4-2-97 4-2-97	530 123.74 576 156.95
Oscar H. Flores 8730 Shallow Ridge Dr. San Antonio, TX 78233	Petty Cash Disbursement for: <input type="checkbox"/> Primary <input type="checkbox"/> General <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (specify) <u>Exp Run Off</u>	4-2-97	750
Capata County News P.O. Box 216 San Antonio, TX 78221	newspaper ads Disbursement for: <input type="checkbox"/> Primary <input type="checkbox"/> General <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (specify) <u>Exp Run Off</u>	4-2-97 4-7-97	236.49 345

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FOR CONGRESS - COMMITTEE
588 W. HARDING BLVD.
SAN ANTONIO, TX 78221

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Three hundred & no 00/100

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Nation's Bank of Texas, N.A.

FOR Donation - spec. elect. Celebration

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CIRO D. RODRIGUEZ

363 West Harding
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November 4, 1997

Office of General Counsel
Federal Election Commission
Washington, DC 20463

Re: MUR 4663

Dear Sirs:

I write in response to the complaint of Oscar Flores filed on September 15, 1997 (the "September complaint"). Although the 15-day period for responding has passed, I respectfully ask that you consider this response. I previously responded in a timely fashion to Mr. Flores's July 1997 complaint.

In the September complaint, makes three vague allegations. First, he alleges that Ms. Linda Cisneros made a \$1,000 campaign contribution and later received a check in the same amount made out to an Herlinda Cisneros. Although it is not clear, he seems to take issue with the form of the name on the check. He does not allege that the campaign acted improperly by making a payment to her, only in the way it did so.

A review of campaign records indicates that no such check for \$1,000 was made, either to a Linda or Herlinda Cisneros. Even if one had been made, that fact alone would in no way suggest any violation of election laws. The campaign could have any number of reasons for writing her a check and using her full name to do so. Linda is a shortened form of Herlinda.

The campaign wrote three checks to Ms. Cisneros on April 3, 1997, to reimburse her for office supplies she purchased. These checks totalled \$314.24. She also received petty cash reimbursements on one occasion for \$18 and on another occasion for \$46.20. These payments appear to be perfectly in order. Without more, I respectfully submit that Mr. Flores's allegation lacks any substance whatsoever.

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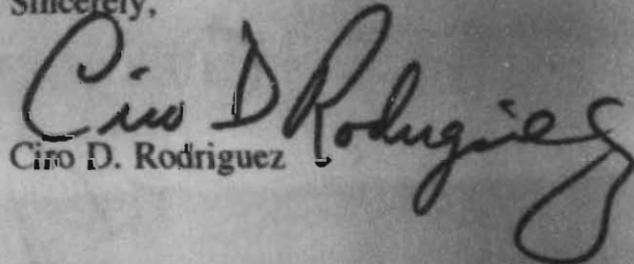
Mr. Flores' second allegation, again lacking in particularity, boils down to this: based on one comment made in obvious jest by Chico Rodriguez, Mr. Flores now "wonder[s]" about the legitimacy of all petty cash receipts. He provides absolutely no evidence or even assertion of wrongdoing.

Apparently, one of my campaign workers often reminded Chico to make sure we obtained receipts for everything. These reminders were apparently constant and a source of joking among campaign staff. During the incident in question, Chico asked Mr. Flores for his gasoline receipt and then, as Mr. Flores states, laughingly repeated the request for this receipt. This exchange took place in the presence of the campaign worker who constantly reminded Chico about getting receipts. In the end, Mr. Flores did not produce a receipt since he was not being reimbursed for gasoline, and that was the end of the matter. I am afraid Mr. Flores is reading far too much into what was considered a matter of humor among campaign staff. I certainly deny the unsubstantiated insinuation that the campaign misused receipts.

Finally, Mr. Flores complains that the campaign, in its earliest stages, did not provide notice to contributors that donations to the campaign were not tax deductible. In an abundance of caution, I will make it a point to inform all past contributors that their donations, present and past, are not tax deductible.

Thank you for your consideration of this response. If you have any questions, please contact me at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,


Chico D. Rodriguez

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DORA ELIA RICO

[726 Koppfow Ave. • San Antonio, Texas 78221-3049 • (210) 922-3146]

December 1, 1997

F. Andrew Turley
Supervisory Attorney
Central Enforcement Docket
Office of the General Counsel
Federal Election Commission
Washington, DC 20463

RE: MUR 4663

Dear Mr. Turley:

I am in receipt of a packet postmarked Nov. 25, 1997 and received on Nov. 29, or the 30th. Previous to the packet mentioned, I had not received any documents from the FEC. Probably because the original letters had been mailed to an address unknown to me in Houston, Texas.

The packet contains copies of a complaint dated July 4, 1997 and an amendment to the original complaint, dated September 12, 1997, which was submitted to your commission by Mr. Oscar H. Flores of San Antonio. Your enclosed cover letter indicates I may have violated the FEC Act.

I am not one to take something of this nature lightly. Therefore, I read and re-read the two documents carefully. I fail to understand what in particular, in the complaint, may constitute a violation of "The Act" on my part.

I'm respectfully requesting your advisement of what action(s) on my part could possibly be construed as violation(s) of the Federal Election Commission Act. I will be more than happy to assist you in your review when I receive clarification.

You may contact me (210-922-3146) anytime before 8:15 a.m. or after 5:15 p.m..

Sincerely,



Dora Elia Rico

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Mr. Oscar H. Flores
8730 Shallow Ridge Drive
San Antonio, Texas 78239-4013

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December 22, 1997

Ms. Retha Dixon, Docket Chief
Office of General Counsel
Federal Election Commission
999 E. Street, NW
Washington, D.C. 20463

RE: MUR 4663

Dear Ms. Retha Dixon:

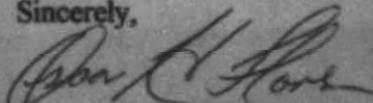
As I prepare for my congressional campaign, such as legally paying for bumper stickers, fliers, brochures, and office supplies, I recall another suspicious incident, **that I want to officially report to the Office of General Counsel, Federal Election Commission.**

On several occasions Mrs. Linda Cisneros and Mrs. Dora Rico conducted *Office-Raids* for office supplies. I am not sure where the office-raids were conducted, but I know it was not Office Max nor Office Depot. I know they would call a lady named Francis, and would go pick-up the office supplies for free. Receipts for office supplies that were purchased by the Rodriguez Campaign Committee were provided to me, for input as expenditures into the campaign computer.

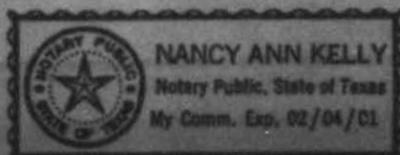
Rodriguez's **Texas State Representative Office** was located within one mile of his campaign headquarters, and there was a lady named Francis working there. Mrs. Cisneros and Mrs. Rico know where they conducted the Office-Raids and they know they were illegal-contributions. Why the Office-Raids were conducted is not clear, because PAC contributions were pouring in and the office supplies could have been purchased. *If Office-Raids, where conducted at Rodriguez's State Representative Office, Congressman Rodriguez clearly had knowledge of such actions.*

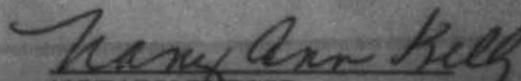
I am willing to testify to the charges that I have made against Congressman Rodriguez, and the Ciro D. Rodriguez for U.S. Congress Campaign Committee Staff. I can be reached at (210) 653-3713 (M-F/AM).

Sincerely,


Oscar H. Flores

"Subscribed and sworn to before me on this 23rd day of December, 1997, by Oscar H. Flores."




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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

January 13, 1998

Oscar H. Flores
8730 Shallow Ridge Drive
San Antonio, TX 78239-4013

RE: MUR 4663

Dear Mr. Flores:

This letter acknowledges receipt on December 29, 1997, of the amendment to the complaint you filed on July 21, 1997. The respondent(s) will be sent copies of the amendment. You will be notified as soon as the Federal Election Commission takes final action on your complaint.

Sincerely,

F. Andrew Tarley
Supervisor Attorney
Central Enforcement Docket

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

January 13, 1998

Thomas F. Adkisson, Treasurer
Ciro D. Rodriguez for Congress
363 W. Harding
San Antonio, TX 78221

RE: MUR 4663

Dear Mr. Adkisson:

On July 25, 1997, you were notified that the Federal Election Commission received a complaint from Oscar Flores alleging violations of certain sections of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended. At that time you were given a copy of the complaint and informed that a response to the complaint should be submitted within 15 days of receipt of the notification.

On December 29, the Commission received additional information from the complainant pertaining to the allegations in the complaint. Enclosed is a copy of this additional information. As this new information is considered an amendment to the original complaint, you are hereby afforded an additional 15 days in which to respond to the allegations.

If you have any questions, please contact Jennifer Boyt on our toll-free number, (800)-424-9530. Our local number is (202) 219-3690.

Sincerely,

F. Andrew Tutley
Supervisory Attorney
Central Enforcement Docket

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cc: Representative Ciro D. Rodriguez

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

January 13, 1998

Fred Vega, President
Play-More Hall
919 Pleasanton Road
San Antonio, TX 78214-1657

RE: MUR 4663

Dear Mr. Vega:

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Sincerely,

F. Andrew Turley
Supervisory Attorney
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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
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January 13, 1998

John Puder
6826 Hillside Blf
San Antonio, TX 78223-3831

RE: MUR 4663

Dear Mr. Puder:

On July 25, 1997, you were notified that the Federal Election Commission received a complaint from Oscar Flores alleging violations of certain sections of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended. At that time you were given a copy of the complaint and informed that a response to the complaint should be submitted within 15 days of receipt of the notification.

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Sincerely,

F. Andrew Turley
Supervisory Attorney
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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

January 13, 1998

Dora Rico
726 Kopplow
San Antonio, TX 78221

RE: MUR 4663

Dear Ms. Rico:

On July 25, 1997, you were notified that the Federal Election Commission received a complaint from Oscar Flores alleging violations of certain sections of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended. At that time you were given a copy of the complaint and informed that a response to the complaint should be submitted within 15 days of receipt of the notification.

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Sincerely,

F. Andrew Turley
Supervisory Attorney
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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
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George W. Durazzo
109 Lexington
Suite 210
San Antonio, TX 78205

January 13, 1998

RE: MUR 4663

Dear Mr. Durazzo:

On July 25, 1997, you were notified that the Federal Election Commission received a complaint from Oscar Flores alleging violations of certain sections of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended. At that time you were given a copy of the complaint and informed that a response to the complaint should be submitted within 15 days of receipt of the notification.

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Sincerely,

F. Andrew Turley
Supervisory Attorney
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CIRO D. RODRIGUEZ
Member of Congress, Texas Dist. 28

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P.O. BOX 14528
SAN ANTONIO, TX 78214

January 28, 1998

MUR-4663

Office of General Counsel
Federal Election Commission
Washington, DC 20463

Dear Sirs:

I write in response to the additional complaint of Oscar Flores filed on December 29, 1997. I received a copy of the complaint on January 16, 1998.

In his latest in a series of disparate complaints, Mr. Flores alleges that my campaign workers obtained supplies from some unknown location for free. He admits he does not know from where the supplies were obtained. He does not identify the supplies allegedly obtained. Mr. Flores does not specify when these so-called "raids" took place. He states that Mrs. Linda Cisneros and Mrs. Dora Rico "would call a lady named Francis (sic), and would go pick-up the office supplies for free." He does not say how he knows this alleged information.

Mr. Flores notes that my state representative office was within one mile of the campaign office and that a "Francis" worked there. Although he does not say so explicitly, he insinuates that my campaign workers obtained supplies from the state representative office. He then leaps to the conclusion that I must have known about it.

I can unequivocally state that I knew of no such raids, that I am not aware of any state supplies being obtained or used by my campaign, and that no one named "Francis" worked at my state representative office. I have spoken with Ms. Cisneros and Ms. Rico and they each indicated to me that they did not obtain supplies for the campaign from the state representative office. They also informed me that they did not conduct any "office raids" anywhere else for supplies. The campaign purchased supplies with petty cash in ways that I believe fully complied with federal election law.

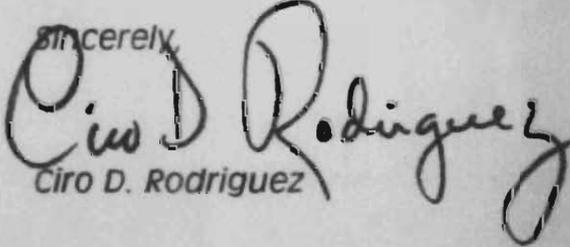
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I should note that Mr. Flores has filed as a candidate for the office I hold. He is running against me in a large part by circulating copies of the complaints he files against me and my campaign. These complaints are without merit and should be dismissed.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Please contact me if you need any additional information.

Sincerely,

Ciro D. Rodriguez

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DORA ELIA RICO

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January 28, 1998

F. Andrew Turley
Supervisory Attorney
Central Enforcement Docket
Office of the General Counsel
Federal Election Commission
Washington, DC 20463

RE: MUR 4663

Dear Mr. Turley:

In response to your request for information regarding two letters of complaint filed by Mr. Oscar Flores, I am submitting the following:

1. One Thousand dollar check cashed by Mr. Flores at Nations Bank

Mr. Flores was asked to make a "bank run". Among the items for transaction was a campaign account check in the amount of \$1,000 to be converted to cash in order to replenish the petty case fund. Mr. Flores returned with the \$1,000 in cash and gave it to me. After counting the money and finding the amount correct, I placed it with the petty cash. Later Ms. Norma Reyes asked me for \$1,000 from petty cash. I counted out \$1,000 and gave the money to her. Later that day, Ms. Reyes handed me a batch of receipts totalling approximately \$700 to be charged to petty cash. The receipts reflected expenditures for gasoline, rental of van, food, and refreshments. The purchase receipts were mostly from East Side headquarters.

2. Money Laundering: Linda Cisneros

I do recall Mr. Flores asking who Herlinda was. I replied that the "Herlinda" he was referring to was Linda (Linda Cisneros). I also instructed Mr. Flores to make the computer entry as written on the face of the check (campaign donation). I have a complete record of and the cancelled checks issued by the campaign committee. I find no record or notation of any check made to Herlinda or Linda Cisneros for any amount close to \$1,000.

Mrs. Cisneros received the following from campaign funds:

1. \$55.03 Check # 221 reimbursement for out of pocket expenses.
2. \$42.27 Check #222 reimbursement for out of pocket expenses.
3. \$159.21 Check # 223 reimbursement for out of pocket expenses.
4. \$100 Check # 224 reimbursement for out of pocket expenses.
5. \$64.20 Petty Cash issued to Mrs. Cisneros

With the exception of check #222, I have detailed receipts for the above mentioned reimbursements. Check # 222 has not cleared the bank as of this date.

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3. Office Supplies "Office Raids"

I recall one instance when Mrs. Linda Cisneros and I went to the State Representative *Ciro D. Rodriguez*' residence on W. Harding St. in San Antonio to pick up some office supplies which had been stored there. We had been working out of his home on an intermittent basis.

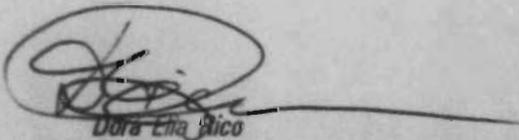
The only person named Frances that I recall being associated with during the campaign is Ms. Frances Rodriguez, a campaign volunteer who assisted us at the campaign headquarters on several occasions. I do not remember telephoning anyone named Frances on the subject of office supplies.

I have assisted Mr. Rodriguez in most of his State campaigns and do not recall anyone named Frances ever working for him in his State Representative office.

Finally, as we began to organize the Congressional campaign, then State Representative Rodriguez lectured all of us and emphatically prohibited us from visiting his State of Texas office or conducting any business there. As instructed, I did not approach his State office at all during the campaign.

I trust the foregoing response answers questions on items I may have been associated with in Mr. Flores' complaints. Please contact me if you require further elaboration. Until then, I remain.

Sincerely,


Dora Eria Rico

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BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

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In the Matter of _____

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CASE CLOSURES UNDER
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 cases permits the

Commission to focus its limited resources on more important cases presently

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We have identified cases that have remained on the Central Enforcement Docket for a sufficient period of time to render them stale. We recommend that these cases be closed.³

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We recommend that the Commission exercise its prosecutorial discretion and direct closure of the cases listed below, effective June 3, 1998. 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.

³ These cases are: MUR 4539 (*Sallie Mae Student Loan*); MUR 4543 (*Besicorp*); MUR 4625 (*Hinojosa for Congress*); MUR 4640 (*New Mexicans Accion del Pueblo Citizen Action*); RAD 97L-02 (*Cooksey for Congress*); RAD 97L-03 (*Maxfield for Congress*); RAD 97NF-03 (*Dan Hansen for Congress*); RAD 97NF-08 (*Congressional Accountability PAC*); RAD 97NF-16 (*America's Fund*); 97NF-18 (*Faith, Family & Freedom PAC*); and 97NF-19 (*Pro-Hispanic PAC*).

III. RECOMMENDATIONS.

A. Decline to open a MUR, close the file effective June 3, 1998, and approve the appropriate letters in the following matters

RAD 97L-02
RAD 97L-03
RAD 97NF-03

RAD 97NF-08
RAD 97NF-16
RAD 97NF-18

RAD 97NF-19
Pre-MUR 360
Pre-MUR 361

B. Take no action, close the file effective June 3, 1998, and approve the appropriate letters in the following matters:

MUR 4539
MUR 4543
MUR 4625
MUR 4640
MUR 4663

MUR 4698
MUR 4699
MUR 4705
MUR 4706
MUR 4712
MUR 4714
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LM Noble (LJL)
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BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

In the Matter of)
Case Closures Under) Agenda Document No. X98-31
Enforcement Priority)

CERTIFICATION

I, Marjorie W. Emmons, recording secretary for the Federal Election Commission executive session on June 9, 1998, do hereby certify that the Commission took the following actions with respect to Agenda Document No. X98-31:

1. Decided by a vote of 5-0 to

A. Decline to open a MUR, close the file effective June 15, 1998, and approve the appropriate letters in the following matters:

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| 1. RAD 97L-02 | 6. RAD 97NF-18 |
| 2. RAD 97L-03 | 7. RAD 97NF-19 |
| 3. RAD 97NF-03 | 8. Pre-MUR 360 |
| 4. RAD 97NF-08 | 9. Pre-MUR 361 |
| 5. RAD 97NF-16 | |

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B. Take no action, close the file effective June 15, 1998 and approve the appropriate letters in the following matters:

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| 2. MUR 4543 | 10. MUR 4712 |
| 3. MUR 4625 | 11. MUR 4714 |
| 4. MUR 4640 | 12. MUR 4717 |
| 5. MUR 4663 | 13. MUR 4718 |
| 6. MUR 4698 | 14. MUR 4723 |
| 7. MUR 4699 | 15. MUR 4724 |
| 8. MUR 4705 | 16. MUR 4727 |

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

Attest:

6-10-98
Date

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

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

June 16, 1998

CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Oscar H. Flores
8730 Shallow Ridge Drive
San Antonio, TX 78239-4013

RE: MUR 4663

Dear Mr. Flores:

On July 21, 1997, 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 the respondents. See attached narrative. Accordingly, the Commission closed its file in this matter on June 15, 1998. 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 Tutley
Supervisory Attorney
Central Enforcement Docket

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MUR 4663
RODRIGUEZ FOR CONGRESS

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Rep. Rodriguez responds on behalf of the Committee, the treasurer, and himself. He ascribes Mr. Flores' complaint to political motivations, as Flores is his 1998 primary election opponent. Mr. Rodriguez states that Flores' lack of knowledge about the use of petty cash is to be expected, as Flores was only a volunteer. Rep. Rodriguez acknowledges that the in-kind contribution from Play-Mor Hall was originally misreported, though advises that this was subsequently corrected when the Committee paid for the hall's use and reported the payment on its 1997 Year End Report to avoid any suggestion or appearance of impropriety. He attributes any inaccuracies in reporting Play-Mor's contribution and dates contributions were made to the rushed nature of the special election campaign.

In response to the first amendment, Rodriguez states that there is no evidence that a single check for \$1,000 was made to Herlinda Cisneros. He acknowledges that checks totaling \$378.44 were written to Ms. Cisneros to reimburse her for supplies and petty cash expenditures. Rep. Rodriguez responds to the second amendment by denying that any "office raids" took place by anyone. He notes that the complainant's 1998 primary campaign strategy appears to be circulating copies of the "groundless" complaints he has filed against the Committee with the FEC.

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This matter is less significant relative to other matters pending before the Commission.

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

June 16, 1998

Thomas F. Adkisson, Treasurer
Ciro D. Rodriguez for Congress
363 W. Harding
San Antonio, TX 78221

RE: MUR 4663

Dear Mr. Adkisson:

On July 25, 1997, 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 Ciro D. Rodriguez for Congress committee and you, as treasurer. See attached narrative. Accordingly, the Commission closed its file in this matter on June 15, 1998.

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.

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Sincerely,

F. Andrew Turley
Supervisory Attorney
Central Enforcement Docket

cc: Ciro D. Rodriguez

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

June 16, 1998

Leroy Drury, Member
American G.I. Forum
Play-Mor Hall
919 Pleasanton Road
San Antonio, TX 78214

RE: MUR 4663

Dear Mr. Drury:

On July 25, 1997, the Federal Election Commission notified Fred Vega 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 Play-Mor Hall. See attached narrative. Accordingly, the Commission closed its file in this matter on June 15, 1998.

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

June 16, 1998

John Puder
6826 Hillside Blf
San Antonio, TX 78223-3831

RE: MUR 4663

Dear Mr. Puder:

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

June 16, 1998

Dora Elia Rico
1726 Kopplow Ave.
San Antonio, TX 78221-3049

RE: MUR 4663

Dear Ms. Rico:

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

June 16, 1998

George Durazzo
109 Lexington
Suite 210
San Antonio, TX 78205

RE: MUR 4663

Dear Mr. Durazzo:

On July 25, 1997, 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 you. See attached narrative. Accordingly, the Commission closed its file in this matter on June 15, 1998.

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Mr. Oscar H. Flores, a former campaign worker for the *Ciro D. Rodriguez for US Congress Campaign Committee* (the "Committee"), alleges that the Committee received an in-kind contribution in the name of another from Play-Mor Hall; failed to accurately report the date contributions were made; and wrongfully issued checks payable to Flores and to cash. He alleges that he was not reimbursed for expenses incurred for the campaign; furnished with receipts for the petty cash account; or told how petty cash was used. In an amendment, Flores claims "money laundering" occurred when the Committee refunded a \$1,000 contribution to Herlinda Cisneros. Flores also alleges that the candidate's brother, Chico, falsely used receipts to cover petty cash expenditures. In his second amendment, Flores alleged that the Committee obtained office supplies from Rodriguez' district office, at no cost, for campaign use. A related MUR (MUR 4723) was filed against Mr. Flores, alleging that he violated the confidentiality provisions of the Federal Election Campaign Act by publicly stating that Rep. Rodriguez is under investigation as a result of this MUR. MUR 4723 is also recommended for closure.

Rep. Rodriguez responds on behalf of the Committee, the treasurer, and himself. He ascribes Mr. Flores' complaint to political motivations, as Flores is his 1998 primary election opponent. Mr. Rodriguez states that Flores' lack of knowledge about the use of petty cash is to be expected, as Flores was only a volunteer. Rep. Rodriguez acknowledges that the in-kind contribution from Play-Mor Hall was originally misreported, though advises that this was subsequently corrected when the Committee paid for the hall's use and reported the payment on its 1997 Year End Report to avoid any suggestion or appearance of impropriety. He attributes any inaccuracies in reporting Play-Mor's contribution and dates contributions were made to the rushed nature of the special election campaign.

In response to the first amendment, Rodriguez states that there is no evidence that a single check for \$1,000 was made to Herlinda Cisneros. He acknowledges that checks totaling \$378.44 were written to Ms. Cisneros to reimburse her for supplies and petty cash expenditures. Rep. Rodriguez responds to the second amendment by denying that any "office raids" took place by anyone. He notes that the complainant's 1998 primary campaign strategy appears to be circulating copies of the "groundless" complaints he has filed against the Committee with the FEC.

Respondent Leroy Drury, a member of the G.I. Forum which leased Play-Mor Hall, states that the hall's use was considered a rental and not a contribution to the Committee.

Respondent Dora Rico responds that Mr. Flores made a "bank run" to cash a campaign check to replenish petty cash. This cash was subsequently provided to a campaign volunteer who fully accounted for authorized purchases for gasoline, van rental, food and refreshments. Ms. Rico further states that Cisneros, a campaign worker, received a total of six checks to reimburse her for various out-of-pocket expenses. With respect to the "office raid" allegation, Ms. Rico recalls once instance in which she and Cisneros picked up supplies the Committee stored at the candidate's home, but emphasized that, at the candidate's direction, she did not approach his state campaign office at all during the campaign.

This matter is less significant relative to other matters pending before the Commission.

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