



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

1325 K STREET N.W.  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

THIS IS THE BEGINNING OF MUR # 475



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Memorandum - William Aldrich to Bob Costa

General Ledger Activity List - Dollar Bank/Amelco

Ledger entries - M. J. Electric, Inc.

Ledger adjustments - Homer Fleming Co.

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Signed Eric Wasserman  
date 5/23/78

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May 22, 1978

CERTIFIED MAIL  
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Mr. Chester J. Rheault, Treasurer  
The Ruppe for Congress Committee  
P.O. Box 1976  
Houghton, MI 49931

Re: MUR 475(77)

Dear Mr. Rheault:

On May 17, 1978, the Federal Election Commission decided to take no further action relating to the apparent violations of 2 U.S.C. §441b(a) by the Ruppe for Congress Committee in view of the fact that all corporate contributions accepted by the Committee have been reimbursed.

Enclosed for your information is a copy of the General Counsel's Report in MUR 475 and a copy of the certification of the Commission's determination.

If you have any questions, please contact Anne A. Weissenborn, the attorney assigned to this matter, at (202) 523-4039.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "William C. Oldaker".

William C. Oldaker  
General Counsel

Enclosures

cc: The Honorable Philip E. Ruppe



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Mr. Clem Banfield  
Dollar Bay Linoleum and Tile Company  
Dollar Bay, MI 49922

Re: MUR 475(77)

Dear Mr. Banfield:

On May 17, 1978, the Federal Election Commission decided to take no further action relating to the apparent violation of 2 U.S.C. §441b(a) by the Dollar Bay Linoleum and Tile Company in view of the fact that you have reimbursed from personal funds the corporate account upon which were drawn the two checks used to make contributions to the Ruppe for Congress Committee.

Enclosed for your information is a copy of the General Counsel's Report in MUR 475 and a copy of the certification of the Commission's determination.

If you have any questions, please contact Anne A. Weissenborn, the attorney assigned to this matter, at (202) 523-4039.

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Mr. A. S. Pearson, Jr.  
A. Pearson Supply Company, Inc.  
P.O. Box 673  
Escanaba, MI 49829

Re: MUR 475(77)

Dear Mr. Pearson:

On May 17, 1978, the Federal Election Commission decided to take no further action with regard to the apparent violation of 2 U.S.C. §441b(a) by the A. Pearson Supply Company, Inc. in view of the fact that the corporate check used to make a contribution to the Ruppe for Congress Committee was returned by the Committee.

Enclosed for your information is a copy of the General Counsel's Report in MUR 475 and a copy of the certification of the Commission's determination.

If you have any questions, please contact Anne A. Weissenborn, the attorney assigned to this matter, at (202) 523-4039.

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Mr. Robert N. Bink  
General Manager  
Coca Cola Bottling Company  
of Delta County  
Gladstone City, MI 49837

Re: MUR 475(77)

Dear Mr. Bink:

On May 17, 1978, the Federal Election Commission decided to take no further action relating to the apparent violation of 2 U.S.C. §441b(a) by the Coca Cola Bottling Company of Delta County in view of the fact that the contribution made to the Ruppe for Congress Committee by means of a corporate account has been reimbursed by the Committee.

Enclosed for your information is a copy of the General Counsel's Report in MUR 475 and a copy of the certification of the Commission's determination.

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Mr. Robert D. Borsum, President  
Frank A. Douglas Agency, Inc.  
Houghton, MI 49931

Re: MUR 475(77)

Dear Mr. Borsum:

On May 17, 1978, the Federal Election Commission decided to take no further action relating to the apparent violation of 2 U.S.C. §441b(a) by the Frank A. Douglas Agency, Inc. in view of the fact that the contribution made to the Ruppe for Congress Committee by means of a corporate account has been reimbursed by the Committee.

Enclosed for your information is a copy of the General Counsel's Report in MUR 475 and a copy of the certification of the Commission's determination.

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Mr. Warren J. Brule, President  
M. J. Electric, Inc.  
Iron Mountain, MI 49801

Re: MUR 475(77)

Dear Mr. Brule:

On May 17, 1978, the Federal Election Commission decided to take no further action relating to the apparent violation of 2 U.S.C. §441b(a) by M.J. Electric, Inc. in view of the fact that the contribution made to the Ruppe for Congress Committee by means of a corporate account has been reimbursed by the Committee.

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Mr. Ray W. Schmit, President  
Gallagher Marine Construction  
Company, Inc.  
Escaraba, MI 49824

Re: MUR 475(77)

Dear Mr. Schmit:

On May 17, 1978, the Federal Election Commission decided to take no further action relating to the apparent violation of 2 U.S.C. §441b(a) by the Gallagher Marine Construction Company, Inc. in view of the fact that the contribution made to the Ruppe for Congress Committee by means of a corporate account has been reimbursed by the Committee.

Enclosed for your information is a copy of the General Counsel's Report in MUR 475 and a copy of the certification of the Commission's determination.

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Mr. James H. Davison, Supervisor  
Gitchee Gumeo Oil Company  
Houghton, MI 49931

Re: MUR 475(77)

Dear Mr. Davison:

On May 17, 1978, the Federal Election Commission decided to take no further action relating to the apparent violation of 2 U.S.C. §441b(a) by the Gitchee Gumeo Oil Company in view of the fact that the contribution made to the Ruppe for Congress Committee by means of a corporate account has been reimbursed by the Committee.

Enclosed for your information is a copy of the General Counsel's Report in MUR 475 and a copy of the certification of the Commission's determination.

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Mr. Robert W. Broullire  
Messier-Broullire Funeral Home, Inc.  
211 Arbutus Avenue  
Manistique, MI 49854

Re: MUR 475 (77)

Dear Mr. Broullire:

On May 17, 1978, the Federal Election Commission decided to take no further action relating to the apparent violation of 2 U.S.C. §441b(a) by the Messier-Broullire Funeral Home, Inc. in view of the fact that the contribution made to the Ruppe for Congress Committee by means of a corporate account has been reimbursed by the Committee.

Enclosed for your information is a copy of the General Counsel's Report in MUR 475 and a copy of the certification of the Commission's determination.

If you have any questions, please contact Anne A. Weissenborn, the attorney assigned to this matter, at (202) 523-4039.

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President  
North Shore, Inc.  
P.O. Box 382  
Manistique, MI 49854

Re: MUR 475(77)

Dear Sir:

On May 17, 1978, the Federal Election Commission decided to take no further action relating to the apparent violation of 2 U.S.C. §441b(a) by North Shore, Inc. in view of the fact that the contribution made to the Ruppe for Congress Committee by means of a corporate account has been reimbursed by the Committee.

Enclosed for your information is a copy of the General Counsel's Report in MUR 475 and a copy of the certification of the Commission's determination.

If you have any questions, please contact Anne A. Weissenborn, the attorney assigned to this matter, at (202) 523-4039.

Sincerely,

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General Counsel

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Mr. H. Kenneth Hamar  
Chairman of the Board  
Horner Flooring Company  
Dollar Bay, MI 49922

Re: MUR 475(77)

Dear Mr. Hamar:

On May 17, 1978, the Federal Election Commission decided to take no further action relating to the apparent violation of 2 U.S.C. §441b(a) by the Horner Flooring Company in view of the fact that reimbursements of the corporate account used to make a contribution to the Ruppe for Congress Committee have been made by both yourself and the Committee.

Enclosed for your information is a copy of the General Counsel's Report in MUR 475 and a copy of the certification of the Commission's determination.

If you have any questions, please contact Anne A. Weissenborn, the attorney assigned to this matter, at (202) 523-4039.

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William C. Oldaker  
General Counsel

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Mr. Carl Carlson, President  
Manistique Lumber and Coal Co., Inc.  
Manistique, MI 49854

Re: MUR 475(77)

Dear Mr. Carlson:

On May 17, 1978, the Federal Election Commission decided to take no further action relating to the apparent violation of 2 U.S.C. §441b(a) by Manistique Lumber and Coal Co., Inc. in view of the fact that the contribution made to the Ruppe for Congress Committee by means of a corporate account has been reimbursed by the Committee.

Enclosed for your information is a copy of the General Counsel's Report in MUR 475 and a copy of the certification of the Commission's determination.

If you have any questions, please contact Anne A. Weissenborn, the attorney assigned to this matter, at (202) 523-4039.

Sincerely,

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Ms. Mary F. Vincent, President  
Sincerely Yours, Inc.  
325 Pennsylvania Avenue, S.E.  
Washington, DC 20003

Re: MUR 475(77)

Dear Ms. Vincent:

On May 17, 1978, the Federal Election Commission determined that there is no reasonable cause to believe that Sincerely Yours, Inc. violated 2 U.S.C. §441b(a) by making a corporate contribution to the Ruppe for Congress Committee.

Enclosed for your information is a copy of the General Counsel's Report in MUR 475(77) and a copy of the certification of the Commission's determination.

If you have any questions, please contact Anne A. Weissenborn, the attorney assigned to this matter, at (202) 523-4039.

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Committee's records in the form of copies of the fronts of contributors' checks. While the treasurer claimed no personal knowledge of the possible corporate status of the checks involved in this MUR, eleven of the twelve checks bore the term "Inc." or "Company" on their faces. This fact implies knowing acceptance on the part of the Committee in all cases except that involving the check from Pearson Supply Company which was promptly returned to the contributor.

In response to the findings of the Audit Division, the treasurer wrote to each of the business contributors identified as questionable, stating that contributions from corporations could not be accepted and would have to be returned, and asking for information concerning the checks sent to the Committee. In cases where the contributor acknowledged the corporate nature of the contribution, the contribution was returned.

Evidence presented by both the Committee and the contributors has led the Office of the General Counsel to the following conclusions as to individual respondents:

a) Contributions from Dollar Bay Linoleum and Tile Company, Horner Flooring Company, and M.J. Electric, Inc.

The contributions from Dollar Bay Linoleum and Tile Company, Horner Flooring Company and M. J. Electric, Inc. all involved checks drawn on corporate accounts but charged by the company to the personal drawing accounts of officers. The president of Dollar Bay Linoleum and Tile Company has reported that he has reimbursed his drawing account as of April 10, 1978. The

president of the Horner Flooring Company had reimbursed that company by September 30, 1976 while the Committee also reimbursed the company on November 2, 1977, as it did M. J. Electric, Inc.

Because reimbursement has been made in each case, either by the Committee or by the Officer to whose drawing account the contribution was charged, the Office of the General Counsel recommends that no further action be taken regarding a 2 U.S.C. §441b(a) violation.

b) Contributions from the Coca-Cola Bottling Company of Delta County, Frank A. Douglas Agency, Inc., Gallagher Marine Construction Company, Inc., Gitchee Gumees Oil Company, Manistique Lumber and Coal Company, and Messier-Broullire Funeral Home, Inc., and Pearson Supply Company.

As was stated above, the contribution from the Pearson Supply Company was returned by the Committee immediately upon receipt. Each of the remaining six companies replied affirmatively to the Committee's later inquiry about their corporate statuses and the Committee reimbursed them on November 2, 1977.

c) Contribution from North Shore, Inc.

Neither the Committee nor the Commission has received a response to inquiries sent to North Shore, Inc. The Committee has submitted a copy of the letter sent to the company in which a refund of its \$50 contribution was enclosed; the check was never cashed. The company's telephone has been disconnected.

We believe the Committee has made a good faith effort to refund the contribution and we therefore recommend that no further action be taken by the Commission regarding a violation of 2 U.S.C. §441b(a).

d) Apparent contribution from Sincerely Yours, Inc.

Sincerely Yours, Inc., located in the District of Columbia, replied to the letter from the Office of the General Counsel by stating that that company had performed \$25.00 in services for the Committee which were paid for by a third party. This person wrote across the invoice "In kind contribution", a statement which apparently led both the Committee and the auditors to believe that the contribution had been made by Sincerely Yours, Inc., not by an individual. Therefore there appears to have been no violation of Section 441b(a) by either the Committee or the corporation in this instance.

RECOMMENDATION

1. Find no reasonable cause to believe that Sincerely Yours, Inc., violated 2 U.S.C. §441b(a).

2. Take no further action as to violations of 2 U.S.C. §441b(a) by the Ruppe for Congress Committee, the Coca-Cola Bottling Company of Delta County, the Dollar Bay Linoleum and Tile Company, Frank A. Douglas Agency, Inc., Gallagher Marine Construction Company, Inc., Gitchee Gumee Oil Company, Horner Flooring Company, Manistique Lumber and Coal Company, M. J. Electric, Inc., Messier-Broullire Funeral Home, Inc., North Shore, Inc., and Pearson Supply Company.

3. Send attached letters.
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5/10/18  
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*William C. Oldaker*  
William C. Oldaker  
GENERAL COUNSEL

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

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April 11, 1978

MEMORANDUM TO: CHARLES STEELE  
FROM: MARJORIE W. EMMONS *mwe*  
SUBJECT: MUR 475 (77) - Interim Status Report dtd 4-7-78  
Received in Office of Commission  
Secretary: 4-7-78, 1:06

The above-mentioned document was circulated to the Commissioners on a 24 hour no-objection basis at 4:30 p.m., April 7, 1978.

As of 9:00 a.m., this date, no objections have been received in the Office of Commission Secretary to the Interim Status Report.

April 7, 1978

MEMORANDUM TO: Marge Emmons  
FROM: Elissa T. Garr  
SUBJECT: MUR 475

Please have the attached Interim Status Report on MUR 475 distributed to the Commission on a 24 hour no-objection basis.

Thank you.

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BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

In the Matter of )  
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Ruppe for Congress Committee )

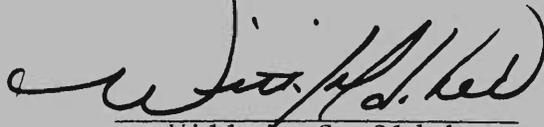
MUR 475

INTERIM STATUS REPORT

During the Audit Division's review of the Committee's contribution records, it was learned that twelve apparent corporate contributions had been received. The Commission found reason to believe that these contributions constituted violations of 2 U.S.C. §441b on the parts of the Committee and the twelve contributors involved.

Letters were sent to all respondents and adequate responses have been received from all but one. The remaining unresolved situation involves a contribution allegedly made by means of a personal drawing account maintained by a corporation for one of its officers. That person has so far failed to provide documentation showing his reimbursement of that account. We have written again to this person and are awaiting his response.

4/7/78  
Date

  
William C. Oldaker  
General Counsel

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# Dollar Bay



M-26. DOLLAR BAY, MICHIGAN PH. 482-5700

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*Dollar Bay*



**DOLLAR BAY, MICHIGAN, 49922**



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

1325 K STREET N.W.  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20543

March 29, 1978

CERTIFIED MAIL  
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Mr. Clem Banfield  
Dollar Bay Linoleum & Tile Company  
Dollar Bay, Michigan 49922

RE: MUR 475

Dear Mr. Banfield:

We have received your letter of March 20, 1978, concerning two contributions made to the Ruppe for Congress Committee by means of a Dollar Bay Linoleum and Tile Company account, but charged to your drawing account.

Apparently there has been a misunderstanding as to the type of evidence which we need in order for the Federal Election Commission to reach a final decision with regard to the above contributions. The Commission's concern is that the contributions be shown to have come from personal funds, not corporate ones. Technically, your corporation is in apparent violation of 2 U.S.C. §441b(a) because the two checks in question were written on a corporate account. On the other hand, proof that you reimbursed your drawing account with personal funds would be helpful with regard to the Commission's final disposition of this matter. Therefore, we are in need of either an accounting entry showing reimbursement of the drawing account or a copy of your personal check made payable to the corporation in the sum of \$125 and a copy of a receipt acknowledging this payment. Please forward such evidence within ten days of receipt of this letter.

Sincerely,

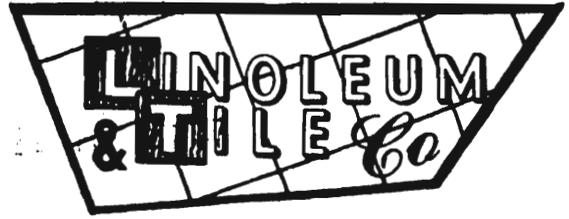
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# Dollar Bay



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March 15, 1978

MEMORANDUM TO: CHARLES STEELE  
FROM: MARJORIE W. EMMONS *MJE*  
SUBJECT: MUR 475 (77) - Interim Status Report dated  
March 9, 1978  
Signed by General Counsel 3-10-78  
Received in Commission Secretary's  
Office 3-10-78, 3:15

The above-mentioned document was circulated to the  
Commissioners at 12:30, March 13, 1978 on a 24 hour no-objection  
basis.

No objections were received in this office to the Interim  
Status Report on MUR 475 (77).



March 10, 1978

**MEMORANDUM TO:** Marge Emmons  
**FROM:** Elissa T. Garr  
**SUBJECT:** MUR 475

Please have the attached Interim Status Report on MUR 475 distributed to the Commission on a 24 hour no-objection basis.

Thank you.

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BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

March 9 , 1978

In the Matter of )  
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 ) MUR 475(77)  
Ruppe for Congress Committee )

Interim Status Report

This matter arose as the result of the field audit of the Ruppe for Congress Committee ("the Committee). The auditors' study of the Committee's receipt records revealed apparent corporate contributions in violation of 2 U.S.C. §441b(a).

On December 17, 1977, the Commission found reason to believe that violations of Section 441b(a) had occurred on the parts of the Committee and of the Coca-Cola Bottling Company of Delta County, the Dollar Bay Linoleum and Tile Company, Frank A. Douglas Agency, Inc., Gallagher Marine Construction Company, the Manistique Lumber and Coal Company, M.J. Electric, Inc., Messier-Broullire Funeral Home, Inc., North Shore, Inc., Pearson Supply Company and Sincerely Yours, Inc. Letters were sent to the Committee and corporations on January 3, 1978.

The responses received from the Committee and corporations have provided evidence that in all but one instance either reimbursement has been made by the Committee or no corporate contribution was in fact involved. In the remaining situation, that involving Dollar Bay Linoleum and Tile Company, the company's president has

stated that while the two contribution checks in question were written on a company account, they were charged to his reimbursable drawing account, and, thus, they were deemed to be personal contributions. The Office of the General Counsel has written to this contributor requesting evidence that reimbursement of his drawing account actually took place. We are awaiting a response.

3/10/78  
Date

William C. Oldaker  
William C. Oldaker  
General Counsel



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March 9, 1978

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Mr. Clem Banfield  
Dollar Bay Linoleum and Tile Company  
Dollar Bay, Michigan

RE: MUR 475(77)

Dear Mr. Banfield,

We have received the information submitted by yourself and Mr. Chester Rheault of the Ruppe for Congress Committee concerning apparent contributions made by Dollar Bay Linoleum and Tile Company to the Committee. We understand that while the two contributions were made by means of checks drawn on a company account, these checks were charged against your personal drawing account. Your bookkeeper has confirmed with one of our staff attorneys that this account is a reimbursable one.

In order for the Commission to reach a final decision in this matter, it will be necessary for us to receive evidence that your drawing account was in fact reimbursed for the two contributions in question. Please forward that evidence within 10 days of receipt of this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "William C. Oldaker".

William C. Oldaker  
General Counsel



PS Form 3811, Apr. 1977

RETURN RECEIPT, REGISTERED, INSURED AND CERTIFIED MAIL

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2. **ARTICLE ADDRESSED TO:**  
*John Deere*

3. **ARTICLE DESCRIPTION:**  
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(Always obtain signature of addressee or agent)

I have received the article described above.  
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*Samuel Caporale*

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Dollar Bay Linoleum and Tile Company  
Dollar Bay, Michigan

RE: MUR 475(77)

Dear Mr. Banfield,

We have received the information submitted by yourself and Mr. Chester Rheault of the Ruppe for Congress Committee concerning apparent contributions made by Dollar Bay Linoleum and Tile Company to the Committee. We understand that while the two contributions were made by means of checks drawn on a company account, these checks were charged against your personal drawing account. Your bookkeeper has confirmed with one of our staff attorneys that this account is a reimbursable one.

In order for the Commission to reach a final decision in this matter, it will be necessary for us to receive evidence that your drawing account was in fact reimbursed for the two contributions in question. Please forward that evidence within 10 days of receipt of this request.

Sincerely,

William G. Oldaker  
General Counsel

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CONGRESSMAN PHIL  
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P.O. Box 1976, Houghton, Michigan 49931.

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Ruppe for Congress Committee  
West Memorial Road  
Houghton, Michigan 49931

February 20, 1978

Ms. Anne Weisseborn  
Federal Election Commission  
1325 K Street N.W.  
Washington, D. C. 20463

Re: MUR 475 (77)

Dear Ms. Weisseborn:

Enclosed please find a copy of Mr. Russell's schedule labeled "Apparent Corporate Contributions" and the thirteen supporting documents which I have prepared.

Shortly after Mr. Russell's audit I mailed a letter and forms to each company cited on the schedule. In the letter, as you will see, I pointed out the Committee had been audited and their contributions had been questioned; and would they please respond to the questionnaires I had furnished. Attached to my copy of the letter is their response and the action I have taken.

I would like to irradiate that at no time did we intentionally accept corporate contributions or try to solicit corporate funds. In each case the invitation went out to an individual and the list of contributors was made out the same way. We apparently overlooked the corporate checks at the time the deposit was made. Most of the corporations in question are small family held corporations with drawing accounts and the individuals just were not aware they were in violation of the Federal Election Laws.

I have no explanation for the Sincerely Yours, Inc. for RSVP services. At first I thought someone working on the fund raiser may have paid the bill and wanted it credited to them as an In Kind Service, but I cannot find anything to back it up. Sincerely Yours, Inc. has accepted payment of the bill, so I hope this will suffice.

I will take no further action until I hear from you. If you have any questions, please call me at 906-482-1171. Thank you.

Very truly yours,

Chester J. Rheault  
Treasurer

CJR/dms  
Enclosures

REPPE FOR CONGRESS COMMITTEE  
WEST MEMORIAL ROAD  
BOUGHTON, MICH. 49031

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DAY TO THE ORDER OF Messier-Broullire Funeral Home

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Funeral Home  
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November 2, 1977

Mr. Robert W. Broullire, Director  
Messier-Broullire Funeral Home, Inc.  
211 Arbutus Avenue  
Manistique, Michigan 49854

Dear Mr. Broullire:

Enclosed is a Ruppe for Congress Committee check equal to the amount of your contribution as listed in our earlier letter. We are sorry for the inconvenience this has caused, but as mentioned in the previous letter, a political committee cannot accept contributions from a Corporation.

If you can arrange a contribution from an individual to replace the funds being returned, it would be greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

Chester J. Rheault  
Treasurer

CJR/er  
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Check # 882 - 11/2/77

\$25.00

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To the Treasurer of the  
Ruppe for Congress Committee  
Box 1976  
Houghton, Michigan 49931

Please be informed that the following check in question by the  
Federal Election Commission was drawn on a company which is  
incorporated:

<u>Check No.</u>	<u>Dated</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>Amount</u>
1617	4/29/76	Messier Broullier Funil Home Inc.	\$25 <sup>00</sup> ==

We wish to state that we were not aware of the Federal Election  
Campaign Law prohibiting contributions from a corporation, and  
we did not make this contribution knowing we were in violation  
of this law.

We understand that the Ruppe for Congress Committee will return  
this contribution, and this information will be filed with the  
Federal Election Commission and will be available for purchase  
by the public.

Name of Company	<u>MESSIER-BROULLIER FUNIL HOME INC</u>
Signed by	<u>Robert H. Broullier</u>
Title	<u>President</u>
Date	<u>Oct 19, 1977</u>

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CONGRESSMAN PHIL  
RUPPE

P.O. Box 1976, Houghton, Michigan 49931.

October 17, 1977

Mr. Robert Broullire, Director  
Messier-Broullire Funeral Home, Inc.  
211 Arbutus Avenue  
Manistique, Michigan 49854

Dear Mr. Broullire:

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It will be necessary for you to furnish us with a signed statement stating the following check does not violate the "Federal Election Laws":

<u>Check No.</u>	<u>Dated</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>Amount</u>
1617	4/29/76	Messier-Broullire Funeral Home, Inc.	\$25.00

A form for this purpose with a return envelope is enclosed for your convenience, or you may draft your own statement.

Should your contribution be drawn on a corporate check please notify me on the form provided, as it will be necessary to return the money immediately.

The results of this audit will be filed with the Federal Election Commission and is available for purchase by the public. We are sorry for any inconvenience this may cause.

Very truly yours,

Chester J. Rheault, Treasurer

CJR/er

RUPPE FOR CONGRESS COMMITTEE  
WEST MEMORIAL ROAD  
HOUGHTON, MICH 49931

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Pay to the order of Gallagher Marine Const

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November 2, 1977

Mr. Ray W. Schmidt  
Gallagher Marine Construction Co., Inc.  
Escanaba, Michigan 49829

Dear Mr. Schmidt:

Enclosed is a Ruppe for Congress Committee check equal to the amount of your contributions as listed in our earlier letter. We are sorry for the inconvenience this has caused, but as mentioned in the previous letter, a political committee cannot accept contributions from a Corporation.

If you can arrange a contribution from an individual to replace the funds being returned, it would be greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

Chester Rheault  
Treasurer

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Check # 891 - 11/2/77

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To the Treasurer of the  
Ruppe for Congress Committee  
Box 1976  
Houghton, Michigan 49931

Please be informed that the following check in question by the  
Federal Election Commission was drawn on a company which is  
incorporated:

<u>Check No.</u>	<u>Dated</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>Amount</u>
17876	10/20/75	Ballagher Marine Const	50.00

We wish to state that we were not aware of the Federal Election  
Campaign Law prohibiting contributions from a corporation, and  
we did not make this contribution knowing we were in violation  
of this law.

We understand that the Ruppe for Congress Committee will return  
this contribution, and this information will be filed with the  
Federal Election Commission and will be available for purchase  
by the public.

Name of Company Ballagher Marine Const. Co  
Signed by Ray W. Schmidt  
Title Pres  
Date 10-21-77

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CONGRESSMAN PHIL

P.O. Box 1976, Houghton, Michigan 49931.

October 17, 1977

Mr. Ray W. Schmidt  
Gallagher Marine Construction Co., Inc.  
Escanaba, Michigan 49829

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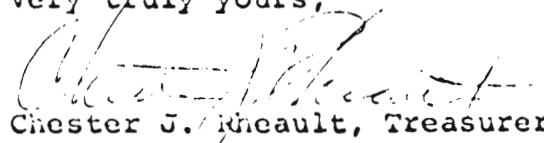
<u>Check No.</u>	<u>Dated</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>Amount</u>
12876	10/20/75	Gallagher Marine Co., Inc.	\$50.00

A form for this purpose with a return envelope is enclosed for your convenience, or you may draft your own statement.

Should your contribution be drawn on a corporate check please notify me on the form provided, as it will be necessary to return the money immediately.

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Very truly yours,

  
Chester J. Rheault, Treasurer

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*A. Pearson Supply Company, Inc.*

BOILER REPAIR DIVISION

PHONE 786-5748

ESCANABA, MICHIGAN - 49829

October 19, 1977

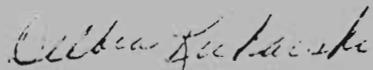
Chester Rheault  
P.O. Box 1976  
Houghton, Michigan 49931

Dear Mr. Rheault;

Enclosed please find a copy of the letter that your office sent to us on October 20, 1976, concerning the matter of the company check.

When we received this letter, we also received our check, unsigned and uncashed. Our records show that the uncashed check was voided and put in our 1976 file.

Sincerely,  
A. Pearson Supply Co., Inc.  
Boiler Repair Division



Delbra Kuharski  
Secretary-Bookkeeper

No further action needed.

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P.O. Box 1976, Houghton, Michigan 49931

October 21, 1970

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Mr. A. E. Pearson, Jr.  
A. Pearson Supply Co., Inc.  
Boiler & Heating Division  
P. O. Box 878  
Escanaba, Michigan 49829

Dear Mr. Pearson:

We have just received the contribution from the Escanaba Chapter of the National Committee through the Escanaba fundraiser. I thank you very much for your contribution; however, because of a Federal law for contribution regulation we cannot accept checks from a company which is incorporated in a state. Therefore, returning your company check and hoping you will be pleased if you would issue a personal or non-company check for the contribution for the future campaign.

We are sorry for the inconvenience that may have caused you and we remain as always from your friend.

Sincerely,

Master J. Trevino, Jr. for the  
Camp for Lower Michigan

CONGRESSMAN PHIL  
RUPPE

P.O. Box 1976, Houghton, Michigan 49931.

October 17, 1977

Mr. A. S. Pearson  
A. Pearson Supply Co., Inc.  
P. O. Box 673  
Escanaba, Michigan 49829

Dear Mr. Pearson:

The Ruppe for Congress Committee recently had an audit of their 1975 and 1976 books by the Federal Election Commission. As a result of this audit we have been asked to prove the legality of some of the contributions we have accepted which were written on checks with company names.

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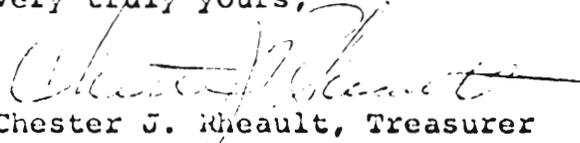
<u>Check No.</u>	<u>Dated</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>Amount</u>
565	9/15/76	A. Pearson Supply Co., Inc.	\$25.00

A form for this purpose with a return envelope is enclosed for your convenience, or you may draft your own statement.

Should your contribution be drawn on a corporate check please notify me on the form provided, as it will be necessary to return the money immediately.

The results of this audit will be filed with the Federal Election Commission and is available for purchase by the public. We are sorry for any inconvenience this may cause.

Very truly yours,

  
Chester J. Rheault, Treasurer

CJR/er



November 2, 1977

Mr. Robert Borsum  
Frank A. Douglas Agency, Inc.  
Boughton, Michigan 49931

Dear Mr. Borsum:

Enclosed is a Ruppe for Congress Committee check equal to the amount of your contributions as listed in our earlier letter. We are sorry for the inconvenience this has caused, but as mentioned in the previous letter, a political committee cannot accept contributions from a Corporation.

If you can arrange a contribution from an individual to replace the funds being returned, it would be greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

Chester J. Rheault  
Treasurer

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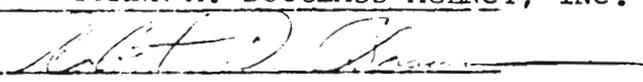
To the Treasurer of the  
Ruppe for Congress Committee  
Box 1976  
Houghton, Michigan 49931

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Federal Election Commission was drawn on a company which is  
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<u>Check No.</u>	<u>Dated</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>Amount</u>
19921	9/11/75	Frank A. Douglass Agency, Inc.	\$100.00

We wish to state that we were not aware of the Federal Election  
Campaign Law prohibiting contributions from a corporation, and  
we did not make this contribution knowing we were in violation  
of this law.

We understand that the Ruppe for Congress Committee will return  
this contribution, and this information will be filed with the  
Federal Election Commission and will be available for purchase  
by the public.

Name of Company	<u>FRANK A. DOUGLASS AGENCY, INC.</u>
Signed by	<u></u>
Title	<u>President</u>
Date	<u>10/18/77</u>

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CONGRESSMAN PHIL  
RUPPE

P.O. Box 1976, Houghton, Michigan 49931.

October 17, 1977

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Frank A. Douglass Agency, Inc.  
Houghton, Michigan 49931

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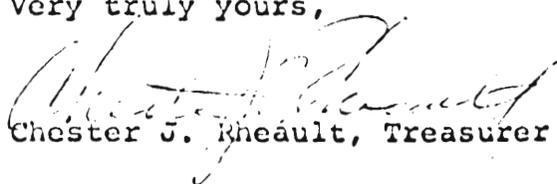
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Very truly yours,

  
Chester J. Rheault, Treasurer

CJR/er



November 2, 1977

Mr. Warren J. Brule  
A. J. Electric, Inc.  
Iron Mountain, Michigan 49801

Dear Mr. Brule:

Enclosed is a kuppe for Congress Committee check equal to the amount of your contributions as listed in our earlier letter. We are sorry for the inconvenience this has caused, but as mentioned in the previous letter, a political committee cannot accept contributions from a Corporation.

If you can arrange a contribution from an individual to replace the funds being returned, it would be greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

Chester J. Rheault  
Treasurer

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To the Treasurer of the  
Ruppe for Congress Committee  
Box 1976  
Houghton, Michigan 49931

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Federal Election Commission was drawn on a company which is  
incorporated:

<u>Check No.</u>	<u>Dated</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>Amount</u>
30427	9/15/75	M.J. Electric Inc.	100 <sup>00</sup>

We wish to state that we were not aware of the Federal Election  
Campaign Law prohibiting contributions from a corporation, and  
we did not make this contribution knowing we were in violation  
of this law.

We understand that the Ruppe for Congress Committee will return  
this contribution, and this information will be filed with the  
Federal Election Commission and will be available for purchase  
by the public.

Name of Company

M.J. Electric Inc

Signed by

W.J. Zule

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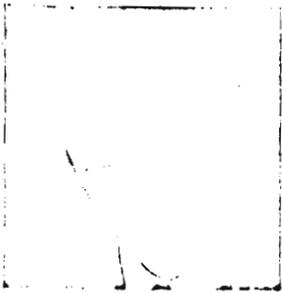
President

Date

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CONGRESSMAN PHIL

RUPPE

P.O. Box 1976, Houghton, Michigan 49931.

October 17, 1977

Mr. W. J. Burke  
M. J. Electric, Inc.  
Iron Mountain, Michigan 49801

Dear Mr.

The Ruppe for Congress Committee recently had an audit of their 1975 and 1976 books by the Federal Election Commission. As a result of this audit we have been asked to prove the legality of some of the contributions we have accepted which were written on checks with company names.

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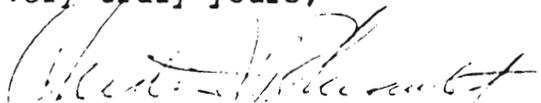
<u>Check No.</u>	<u>Dated</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>Amount</u>
30427	9/15/75	M. J. Electric, Inc.	\$100.00

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Should your contribution be drawn on a corporate check please notify me on the form provided, as it will be necessary to return the money immediately.

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Very truly yours,

  
Chester J. Rheault, Treasurer

CJR/er



November 2, 1977

Mr. Carl Carlson  
Manistique Lumber & Coal Company, Inc.  
Manistique, Michigan 49854

Dear Mr. Carlson:

Enclosed is a Ruppe for Congress Committee check equal to the amount of your contributions as listed in our earlier letter. We are sorry for the inconvenience this has caused, but as mentioned in the previous letter, a political committee cannot accept contributions from a Corporation.

If you can arrange a contribution from an individual to replace the funds being returned, it would be greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

Chester J. Rheault  
Treasurer

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Check # 888 - 11/2/77

525.00

To the Treasurer of the  
Ruppe for Congress Committee  
Box 1976  
Houghton, Michigan 49931

Please be informed that the following check in question by the  
Federal Election Commission was drawn on a company which is  
incorporated:

<u>Check No.</u>	<u>Dated</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>Amount</u>
855	4/30/76	Manistiquet Lumber & Coal Co.	\$2500

We wish to state that we were not aware of the Federal Election  
Campaign Law prohibiting contributions from a corporation, and  
we did not make this contribution knowing we were in violation  
of this law.

We understand that the Ruppe for Congress Committee will return  
this contribution, and this information will be filed with the  
Federal Election Commission and will be available for purchase  
by the public.

Name of Company

Manistiquet Lumber & Coal Co. Inc - Sub Chap 5

Signed by

[Signature]

Title

[Signature]

Date

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check 856



CONGRESSMAN PHIL

TRIUMPHIPE

P.O. Box 1976, Houghton, Michigan 49931.

October 17, 1977

Manistique Lumber and Coal Company, Inc.  
Manistique, Michigan 49854

Dear Sir:

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<u>Check No.</u>	<u>Dated</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>Amount</u>
6854	4/30/76	Manistique Lumber & Coal Co., Inc.	\$25.00

A form for this purpose with a return envelope is enclosed for your convenience, or you may draft your own statement.

Should your contribution be drawn on a corporate check please notify me on the form provided, as it will be necessary to return the money immediately.

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Very truly yours,

  
Chester J. Rheault, Treasurer

CJR/er

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REPPE FOR CONGRESS COMMITTEE  
WEST MEMORIAL ROAD  
WRIGHTON, MICH. 49981

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November 2 1977

Pay to the order of Ritche Gagne Oil Company

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November 2, 1977

Gitche Gumee Oil Company  
Ontonagon, Michigan 49953

Dear Sir:

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Very truly yours,

Chester J. Rheault  
Treasurer

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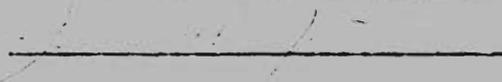
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<u>Check No.</u>	<u>Dated</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>Amount</u>
46424	9/24/75	GITCHE GUMEE OIL COMPANY	100.00

We wish to state that we were not aware of the Federal Election  
Campaign Law prohibiting contributions from a corporation, and  
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of this law.

We understand that the Ruppe for Congress Committee will return  
this contribution, and this information will be filed with the  
Federal Election Commission and will be available for purchase  
by the public.

Name of Company	<u>GITCHE GUMEE OIL COMPANY</u>
Signed by	<u></u>
Title	<u>SUPERVISOR</u>
Date	<u>11/4/77</u>

CONGRESSMAN PHIL  
RUPPE

P.O. Box 1976, Houghton, Michigan 49931.

October 17, 1977

Gitche Gumee Oil Company  
Ontonagon, Michigan 49953

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Chester J. Rheault, Treasurer

CJR/er

Authority Ruppe for Congress Committee: Chester Rheault, Treasurer  
A copy of our report is filed with the Federal Election Commission and is available for purchase from the Federal Election Commission, Washington, D.C.

*Handwritten notes:*  
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To the Treasurer of the  
Ruppe for Congress Committee  
Box 1976  
Houghton, Michigan 49931

This is to certify that the following check complies with the  
Federal Election Campaign Laws:

Check No.	Dated	From	Amount
434	9/12/75	Industrial Piping Co.	\$100.00
1073	6/2/76	Industrial Piping Co.	\$100.00

This check represents a contribution from a:

- Sole Proprietorship
- Partnership
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

We understand this information will be filed with the Federal  
Election Commission and will be available for purchase by the  
public.

Name of Company INDUSTRIAL PIPING CO.

Signed by *[Signature]*

Title Partner

Date 10-20-77

No further action taken

CONGRESSMAN PHIL

P.O. Box 1976, Houghton, Michigan 49931.

October 17, 1977

Mr. Charlie H. Carlson  
Industrial Piping Company  
Ironwood, Michigan 49938

Dear Mr. Carlson:

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The "Federal Election Campaign Act" states that we cannot accept contributions from a company which is incorporated. However, a check from a company which is a sole proprietorship or a partnership is legal.

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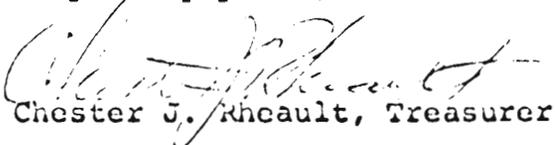
<u>Check No.</u>	<u>Dated</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>Amount</u>
434	2/12/75	Industrial Piping Company	\$100.00
1073	6/2/76	Industrial Piping Company	\$100.00

A form for this purpose with a return envelope is enclosed for your convenience, or you may draft your own statement.

Should your contribution be drawn on a corporate check please notify me on the form provided, as it will be necessary to return the money immediately.

The results of this audit will be filed with the Federal Election Commission and is available for purchase by the public. We are sorry for any inconvenience this may cause.

Very truly yours,

  
Chester J. Rheault, Treasurer

CJR/er

To the Treasurer of the  
Ruppe for Congress Committee  
Box 1976  
Houghton, Michigan 49931

This is to certify that the following check complies with the  
Federal Election Campaign Laws:

Check No.	Dated	From	Amount
36872	2/22/76	Dollar Bay Linoleum	\$25.00
36443	7/12/76	Dollar Bay Linoleum	100.00

This check represents a contribution from a:

Sole Proprietorship

Partnership

Other Alan J. Bonfield

Even though these checks were written from the  
Dollar Bay Linoleum and Tile Co. checking account,  
they were cleared to Alan J. Bonfield's drawing account.

We understand this information will be filed with the Federal  
Election Commission and will be available for purchase by the  
public.

Name of Company Dollar Bay Linoleum and Tile Co.

Signed by Alan Bonfield

Title Proprietor

Date October 20, 1977

*No further action taken*

To the Treasurer of the  
Ruppe for Congress Committee  
Box 1976  
Houghton, Michigan 49931

Please be informed that the following check in question by the  
Federal Election Commission was drawn on a company which is  
incorporated:

<u>Check No.</u>	<u>Dated</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>Amount</u>
10010	1/27/76	General Electric	100.00
10011	1/27/76	General Electric	100.00

We wish to state that we were not aware of the Federal Election  
Campaign Law prohibiting contributions from a corporation, and  
we did not make this contribution knowing we were in violation  
of this law.

We understand that the Ruppe for Congress Committee will return  
this contribution, and this information will be filed with the  
Federal Election Commission and will be available for purchase  
by the public.

Name of Company General Electric Co.  
Signed by *William Ruff*  
Title \_\_\_\_\_  
Date \_\_\_\_\_

This document is a copy of the original and is not to be used for any other purpose. It is the property of the Federal Election Commission and is loaned to you for your information only. It is to be returned to the Commission when requested to do so.



CONGRESSMAN PHIL  
RUPPE

P.O. Box 1976, Houghton, Michigan 49931.

October 17, 1977

Mr. Clem Banfield  
Dollar Bay Linoleum & Tile Company  
Dollar Bay, Michigan 49922

Dear Mr. Banfield:

The Ruppe for Congress Committee recently had an audit of their 1975 and 1976 books by the Federal Election Commission. As a result of this audit we have been asked to prove the legality of some of the contributions we have accepted which were written on checks with company names.

The "Federal Election Campaign Act" states that we cannot accept contributions from a company which is incorporated. However, a check from a company which is a sole proprietorship or a partnership is legal.

It will be necessary for you to furnish us with a signed statement stating the following check does not violate the "Federal Election Laws":

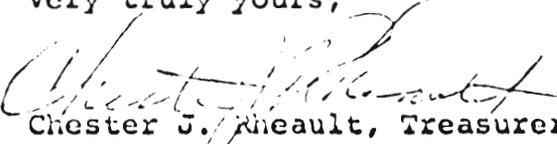
<u>Check No.</u>	<u>Dated</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>Amount</u>
36872	9/22/76	Dollar Bay Linoleum & Tile Co.	\$25.00
364483	7/12/76	Dollar Bay Linoleum & Tile Co.	\$100.00

A form for this purpose with a return envelope is enclosed for your convenience, or you may draft your own statement.

Should your contribution be drawn on a corporate check please notify me on the form provided, as it will be necessary to return the money immediately.

The results of this audit will be filed with the Federal Election Commission and is available for purchase by the public. We are sorry for any inconvenience this may cause.

Very truly yours,

  
Chester J. Rheault, Treasurer

CJR/er



November 2, 1977

Mr. John Hamar  
Morner Flooring Company  
Dollar Bay, Michigan 49922

Dear Mr. Hamar:

Enclosed is a Ruppe for Congress Committee check equal to the amount of your contributions as listed in our earlier letter. We are sorry for the inconvenience this has caused, but as mentioned in the previous letter, a political committee cannot accept contributions from a Corporation.

If you can arrange a contribution from an individual to replace the funds being returned, it would be greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

Chester J. Rheault  
Treasurer

CJR/er  
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Check #888- 11/2/77

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To the Treasurer of the  
Ruppe for Congress Committee  
Box 1976  
Houghton, Michigan 49931

Please be informed that the following check in question by the  
Federal Election Commission was drawn on a company which is  
incorporated:

<u>Check No.</u>	<u>Dated</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>Amount</u>
240 03	9/13/75	Hewlett Packard Co.	100 00

We wish to state that we were not aware of the Federal Election  
Campaign Law prohibiting contributions from a corporation, and  
we did not make this contribution knowing we were in violation  
of this law.

We understand that the Ruppe for Congress Committee will return  
this contribution, and this information will be filed with the  
Federal Election Commission and will be available for purchase  
by the public.

Name of Company Hewlett Packard Company  
Signed by [Signature]  
Title [Signature]  
Date 9/13/75



CONGRESSMAN PHIL  
RUPPE

P.O. Box 1976, Houghton, Michigan 49931.

October 17, 1977

Mr. John Hamar  
Horner Flooring Company  
Dollar Bay, Michigan 49922

Dear Mr. Hamar:

The Ruppe for Congress Committee recently had an audit of their 1975 and 1976 books by the Federal Election Commission. As a result of this audit we have been asked to prove the legality of some of the contributions we have accepted which were written on checks with company names.

The "Federal Election Campaign Act" states that we cannot accept contributions from a company which is incorporated. However, a check from a company which is a sole proprietorship or a partnership is legal.

It will be necessary for you to furnish us with a signed statement stating the following check does not violate the "Federal Election Laws":

<u>Check No.</u>	<u>Dated</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>Amount</u>
26633	9/18/75	Horner Flooring Company	\$100.00

A form for this purpose with a return envelope is enclosed for your convenience, or you may draft your own statement.

Should your contribution be drawn on a corporate check please notify me on the form provided, as it will be necessary to return the money immediately.

The results of this audit will be filed with the Federal Election Commission and is available for purchase by the public. We are sorry for any inconvenience this may cause.

Very truly yours,

*Chester J. Rheault*  
Chester J. Rheault, Treasurer

CJR/er

*[Handwritten notes and signatures in the bottom right corner, including a date '10-17-77' and other illegible marks.]*

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REPPE FOR CONGRESS COMMITTEE  
WEST MEMORIAL ROAD  
HOUGHTON, MICH. 49931

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October 2 1977

Pay to the order of  
Superior, Coca-Cola Bottling Company

875.00

Seventy-five and no/100

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FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF CALUMET - LAKE LINDEN MICHIGAN



FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF CALUMET - LAKE LINDEN MICHIGAN

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Vertical text on the right side, possibly a routing slip or address, including "SUPERIOR COCA-COLA BOTTLING COMPANY" and "HOUGHTON, MICHIGAN".

November 2, 1977

Mr. Robert H. Bink  
Coco-Cola Bottling Company of Delta County  
Escanaba, Michigan 49829

Dear Mr. Bink:

Enclosed is a Ruppe for Congress Committee check equal to the amount of your contributions as listed in our earlier letter. We are sorry for the inconvenience this has caused, but as mentioned in the previous letter, a political committee cannot accept contributions from a Corporation.

If you can arrange a contribution from an individual to replace the funds being returned, it would be greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

Chester J. Rheault  
Treasurer

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To the Treasurer of the  
Ruppe for Congress Committee  
Box 1976  
Houghton, Michigan 49931

Please be informed that the following check in question by the  
Federal Election Commission was drawn on a company which is  
incorporated:

<u>Check No.</u>	<u>Dated</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>Amount</u>
18928	11/1/77	Coca-Cola Bottling Co. of Delta County	75 <sup>00</sup>

We wish to state that we were not aware of the Federal Election  
Campaign Law prohibiting contributions from a corporation, and  
we did not make this contribution knowing we were in violation  
of this law.

We understand that the Ruppe for Congress Committee will return  
this contribution, and this information will be filed with the  
Federal Election Commission and will be available for purchase  
by the public.

Name of Company Coca-Cola Bottling Co  
Signed by Robert R. Link  
Title General Manager  
Date Oct. 21, 1977

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CONGRESSMAN PHIL  
RUPPE

P.O. Box 1976, Houghton, Michigan 49931.

October 17, 1977

Mr. N. J. Bink  
Cocoa-Cola Bottling Company of Delta County  
Escanaba, Michigan 49829

Dear Mr. Bink:

The Ruppe for Congress Committee recently had an audit of their 1975 and 1976 books by the Federal Election Commission. As a result of this audit we have been asked to prove the legality of some of the contributions we have accepted which were written on checks with company names.

The "Federal Election Campaign Act" states that we cannot accept contributions from a company which is incorporated. However, a check from a company which is a sole proprietorship or a partnership is legal.

It will be necessary for you to furnish us with a signed statement stating the following check does not violate the "Federal Election Laws":

<u>Check No.</u>	<u>Dated</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>Amount</u>
18928	11/1/75	Cocoa-Cola Bottling Co. of Delta County	\$75.00

A form for this purpose with a return envelope is enclosed for your convenience, or you may draft your own statement.

Should your contribution be drawn on a corporate check please notify me on the form provided, as it will be necessary to return the money immediately.

The results of this audit will be filed with the Federal Election Commission and is available for purchase by the public. We are sorry for any inconvenience this may cause.

Very truly yours,

  
Chester J. Rheault, Treasurer

CJR/er

Authority Ruppe for Congress Committee, Chester Rheault - Treasurer  
A copy of our report is filed with the Federal Election Commission and is available for purchase from the Federal Election Commission, Washington, D.C.

November 2, 1977

Mr. B. Shackett  
North Shore Incorporated  
P. O. Box 382  
Manistique, Michigan 49854

Dear Mr. Shackett:

Enclosed is a Ruppe for Congress Committee check equal to the amount of your contributions as listed in our earlier letter. We are sorry for the inconvenience this has caused, but as mentioned in the previous letter, a political committee cannot accept contributions from a Corporation.

If you can arrange a contribution from an individual to replace the funds being returned, it would be greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

Chester J. Rheault  
Treasurer

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check # 590-11/2/77

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CONGRESSMAN PHIL  
RUPPE

P.O. Box 1976, Houghton, Michigan 49931.

October 17, 1977

Mr. B. Shackett  
North Shore Incorporated  
P. O. Box 382  
Manistique, Michigan 49854

Dear Mr. Shackett:

The Ruppe for Congress Committee recently had an audit of their 1975 and 1976 books by the Federal Election Commission. As a result of this audit we have been asked to prove the legality of some of the contributions we have accepted which were written on checks with company names.

The "Federal Election Campaign Act" states that we cannot accept contributions from a company which is incorporated. However, a check from a company which is a sole proprietorship or a partnership is legal.

It will be necessary for you to furnish us with a signed statement stating the following check does not violate the "Federal Election Laws":

<u>Check No.</u>	<u>Dated</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>Amount</u>
632	4/22/76	North Shore Inc.	\$50.00

A form for this purpose with a return envelope is enclosed for your convenience, or you may draft your own statement.

Should your contribution be drawn on a corporate check please notify me on the form provided, as it will be necessary to return the money immediately.

The results of this audit will be filed with the Federal Election Commission and is available for purchase by the public. We are sorry for any inconvenience this may cause.

Very truly yours,

Chester J. Rheault, Treasurer

CJR/er

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LETTER FOR CONGRESS COMMITTEE  
WEST MEMORIAL ROAD  
BOUGHTON, MICH. 49031

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October 17 1977

of Sincerely Yours, Inc.

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OF CALUMET - LAKE LINDEN  
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**SINCERELY YOURS, INC.**  
TELEPHONE ANSWERING SERVICE  
325 PENNSYLVANIA AVE., S. E.  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20003

Rupe For Congress

546-3800

10/1/76

RSVP Service

\$ 25.00

*Handwritten:* ~~1/11/76~~ IN KIND CONTRIBUTION

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October 17, 1977

Sincerely yours, Inc.  
325 Pennsylvania Avenue N. E.  
Washington, D. C. 20003

Gentlemen:

Enclosed is a check for \$25.00 to cover your invoice dated October 1, 1976, for the same amount. This invoice was inadvertently included with the In-Kind contributions on the Federal Election Commission report filed at the time. A recent audit by the F. E. C. pointed out this discrepancy in filing, and have suggested that we pay the invoice.

A political committee cannot accept the services nor cash from a corporation. Your invoice indicates that you are a corporation. Therefore, to avoid any penalties please accept our late payment of your invoice.

Very truly yours,

Chester J. Meault, Treasurer

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Inc.

PUFFER FOR CONGRESS  
 Apparent Corporate Contributions

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(PER CONTRIBUTOR'S CHECK)	1	2	3	4
- CONTRIBUTOR - ADDRESS -	DATE	AMOUNT		
D Messing-Brouillette Funeral Home, Inc. 211 Acton Ave. Monticello, Ill. (R. Brouillette)	10/1/75	2500		✓ 1
E A Moore Supply Co., Inc. P.O. Box 522 Peculiar, Ill. (A.S. Penza)	9/15/75	1500		✓ 5
E Calverley Marine Construction Co., Inc. Peculiar, Ill. (Wm. Roy Schmidt)	10/1/75	2500		✓ 9
W Frank B. Douglas Agency, Inc. Peculiar, Ill.	2/11/75	10000		✓ 13
E H. J. Electric, Inc. Iron Mountain, Ill. (W.J. Purke)	2/11/75	2000		✓ 17
E H. H. Lumber & Coal Co., Inc. " " Ill.	4-30-76	2000		✓ 19



FROM	Ruppe for Congress Committee West Memorial Road Houghton, Michigan 49931
TO	Ms. Anne Weisseborn Federal Election Commission 1325 K Street N.W. Washington, D. C. 20463

**CERTIFIED**  
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**MAIL**

RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

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January 10, 1968

General Accounting Firm,  
1000 G Street N.W.,  
Washington, D.C. 20040

Gentlemen:

I enclosed to a photostatic copy of the check sent to you  
for January. This check was sent back to me, not cashed, with  
a return stating that they would not accept it.

Very truly,  
L. Pearson  
L. Pearson  
1000 G Street N.W.,  
Washington, D.C.

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A. PEARSON SUPPLY CO., INC.  
BOILER & HEATING DIVISION  
P. O. BOX 073  
ESCANABA, MI 49820

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September 15 1976

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BANK & TRUST COMPANY  
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*A. Pearson Supply Co., Inc.*

404-410 STEPHENSON AVE. E.  
ESCANABA MICHIGAN 49829

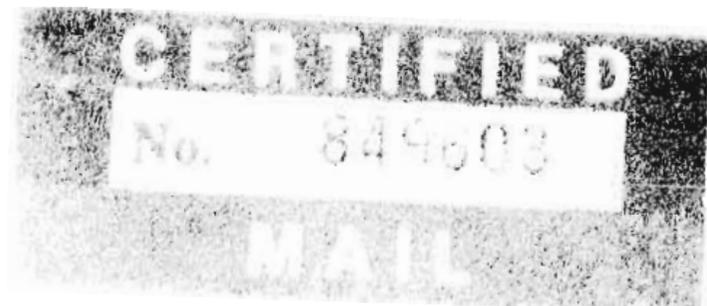
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General Election Comm.  
1225 K Street N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20004

ATTN: Ann Weisnerhorn  
General Council Office

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

1325 K STREET N.W.  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

February 15, 1978

MEMORANDUM TO: CHARLES STEELE  
FROM: MARJORIE W. EMMONS *mwE*  
SUBJECT: MUR 475 (77) - Interim Status Report II dated  
February 10, 1978

The above-mentioned document was circulated to the  
Commissioners on February 13, 1978 at 12:00.

As of 4:00, this date, no objections have been received  
in the Office of Commission Secretary to the Interim Status  
Report II on MUR 475 (77).



February 10, 1978

MEMORANDUM TO: Marge Emmons  
FROM: Elissa T. Garr  
SUBJECT: MUR 475

Please have the attached Interim Status Report on MUR 475 distributed to the Commission on a 24 hour no objection basis.

Thank you.

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BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

February 10, 1978

In the Matter of )  
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Ruppe for Congress Committee )

Interim Status Report II

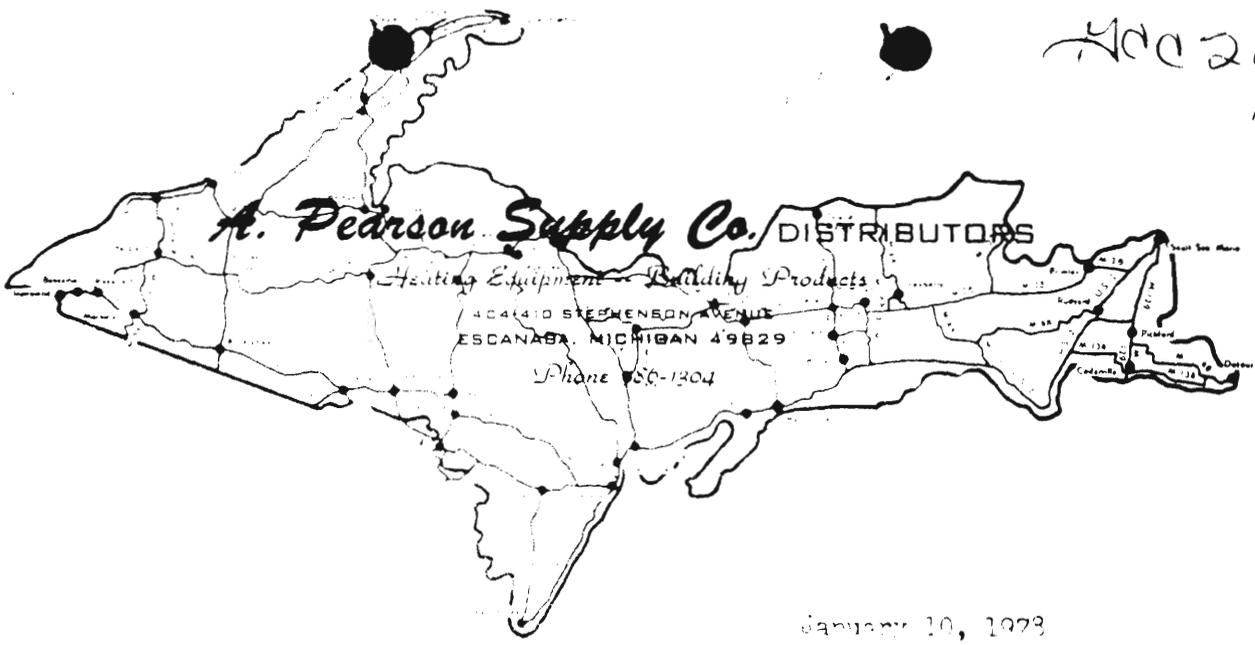
On December 17, 1977, the Commission found reason to believe that the Ruppe for Congress Committee and twelve apparent corporations had violated 2 U.S.C. §441b by accepting and contributing corporate contributions.

Letters were sent to the Committee and corporations on January 3, 1978, informing them of the Commission's finding and requesting information relevant to further analysis of this matter. To date we have received replies from ten of the corporations. An eleventh response was apparently lost in the mail and is being re-mailed, while the twelfth corporation seems to have ceased to exist, thus creating problems as to the location of responsible persons. The Committee's treasurer has delayed his response pending clearance through the Committee's bank account of all checks used to refund the contributions involved. He has been asked to send to the Commission those cancelled checks presently in hand.

10 Feb 1978  
Date

  
William C. Oldaker  
General Counsel

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January 10, 1978

Federal Election Comm.  
 1225 K Street N.W.  
 Washington, D.C. 20543

Re: [unclear]

Enclosed is a protestaria copy of the check sent to Runge  
 for Congress. This check was sent back to us, not cashed, with  
 a letter stating that they could not accept it.

Sincerely,  
 Donald Pearson  
 A. Pearson Supply Co.

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A. PEARSON SUPPLY CO., INC.  
BOILER & HEATING DIVISION

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P. O. BOX 678

ESCANABA, MICH 49829

September 15, 1976

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PAY TO THE ORDER OF

Ruppe for Congress Committee

\$25.00

U.S.A. 25 DOLLARS

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FIRST NATIONAL BANK & TRUST COMPANY  
ESCANABA, MICHIGAN

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*A. Pearson Supply Co., Inc.*

404-410 STEPHENSON AVENUE

ESCANABA MICHIGAN 49829



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A. Pearson Supply Co., Inc.  
Washington, D.C. 20062

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*Copies*

January 6, 1978

Federal Election Commission  
1325 K. Street N. W.  
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

In reply to your letter of December 30, 1977, we are enclosing copies of two checks, #56872 dated 9/22/76 for \$25.00 and #36443 dated 7/12/76 for \$100.00, and also a copy of our letter to the Treasurer of the Ruppe for Congress Committee.

Even though these checks were written from the Dollar Bay Linoleum and Tile Co. checking account, they were charged to J. L. Banfield's drawing account.

Sincerely,

DOLLAR BAY LINOLEUM TILE CO.  
*[Signature]*  
J. L. Banfield

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CONGRESSMAN PHIL  
**RUPPE**

P.O. Box 1976, Houghton, Michigan 49931

October 17, 1977

Mr. Peter Langfield  
Dollar Day Linen & Dry Cleaning  
Dollar Day, Houghton, Michigan

Dear Mr. Langfield:

Amount of tax  
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... or a partner

... with a signed statement  
... "Federal Electric  
...

38371	9.21	...	\$25.00
38448	7.12	...	\$19.00

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convenience, or for your records.

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DOLLAR BAY LINOLEUM & TILE CO.  
DOLLAR BAY, MICH. 49922

36443

PAY TO THE ORDER OF

July 12 1976 74-253  
Ruppe for Congress Committee \$100.00



Houghton National Bank  
Houghton, Michigan 49931  
Home of Michigan Tech

DOLLAR BAY LINOLEUM & TILE CO.  
DOLLARS

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DOLLAR BAY LINOLEUM & TILE CO.  
DOLLAR BAY, MICH. 49922

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PAY TO THE ORDER OF

Sept 22 1976 74-253  
S. J. Ruppel \$100.00



Houghton National Bank  
Houghton, Michigan 49931  
Home of Michigan Tech

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*John Dewey  
1000 1st St  
Washington D.C. 20004*

*Mr. John A. Blain*



Coca-Cola Bottling Company  
1030 North Lincoln Road  
Escanaba, Michigan 49829



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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

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January 21, 1978

Federal Election Commission  
1325 K Street N. W.  
Washington, D.C. 20463

Re: MUR 475(77)

Dear Ms. Weissenborn:

We would like to express our belief that no action should be taken against the Coca-Cola Bottling Co. of Delta County. We are a small corporation and do not have the legal staff at our disposal that the large companies have. Consequently, many laws get passed with which we are not completely familiar.

I am not sure just when the contribution was made that you are referring to, but I do know that the Ruppe for Congress Comm. , some time ago, returned to me a contribution made because they informed me that it was not legal for them to accept it. I thanked them, not only for the check, but for the legal advice as well.

I am not aware of who solicited the contribution, who the contribution was made to, or just when it was made. I do know that the money was returned, and that there was no intent to violate any law.

I trust that you will agree that prosecution of this case is not necessary. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Robert N. Bink  
General Manager

**Coca-Cola Bottling Company**  
1030 North Lincoln Road  
Escanaba, Michigan 49829



Federal Election Commission

1325 K Street N. W.

Washington, D. C. 20463

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GITCHE, GUMEE OIL COMPANY



ONTONAGON, MICHIGAN 49953 - PHONE 884-4107

**Mobil**

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January 17, 1978

Federal Election Commission  
1325 K Street N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20463  
Attn: Anne A. Weissenborn

Dear Anne Weissenborn;

In regards to your letter of December 30, 1977, I am enclosing the information requested by you. Regarding the contribution; it was made by a man who is no longer employed by us. He had no authorization to make a contribution of this nature, and I do not think he was aware of the legality of this contribution.

However, in November of 1977, we received a check for the contribution made from the Ruppe for Congress Committee and we hope this will resolve the issue. Thank you.

Sincerely,

James H. Davison  
Supervisor

FIRST NATIONAL BANK  
ONTONAGON, MICHIGAN

GITCHE GUMEE OIL COMPANY

ONTONAGON MICHIGAN

46424  
CHECK NUMBER

9 / 24 / 77  
DATE

PAY

GITCHE GUMEE OIL CO. INC. - 100 DOLLARS

\$100.00

TO THE  
ORDER  
OF

RUMPE FOR CONGRESS COMMITTEE  
Clem L. Banfield  
403 Avenue F  
Dollar Bay, Michigan 49922

The First National Bank  
of Michigan

GITCHE GUMEE OIL COMPANY

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PAY TO THE ORDER OF

**CLEM L. BANFIELD**  
403 Avenue F  
Dollar Bay, Michigan 49922

September 9, 1978

Dear Bob,

A committee of Copper Country supporters of Congressman Phil Kopper is planning a fund drive for him which in addition to providing financial assistance will also assure us a lot of fun.

The affair will be held on Thursday, October 2 at the Wwendotte Hills Golf Club starting with golf at 2 P. M. cocktail hour at 5 P. M. and a prime rib dinner at 6:30 P. M. Wilbert has made the course available to all. Caddie fees and cart charges are extra. Special musical entertainment has been arranged for cocktail hour and dinner.

Checks of one hundred dollars per person should be made payable to Kopper for Congress Committee and mailed to me at Box 388, Dollar Bay. I must have your decision on this by September 20 and hope you will be with us for this occasion.

Sincerely,





CONGRESSMAN PHIL  
**RUPPE**

P.O. Box 1976, Houghton, Michigan 49931.

November 2, 1977

Gitche Gune Oil Company  
Antonagon, Michigan 49953

Dear Sir:

Enclosed is a Ruppe for Congress Committee check equal to the amount of your contributions as listed in our earlier letter. We are sorry for the inconvenience this has caused, but as mentioned in the previous letter, a political committee cannot accept contributions from a Corporation.

If you can arrange a contribution from an individual to replace the funds being returned, it would be greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

*Chester J. Rheault*  
Chester J. Rheault  
Treasurer

CJR/er  
Enc.

*Check # 387  
Ruppe for Congum Committee  
\$100.00 returned to GGB  
11/4/77*

Authority Ruppe for Congress Committee: Chester Rheault, Treasurer  
A copy of our report is filed with the Federal Election Commission and is available for purchase from the Federal Election Commission, Washington, D.C.



CONGRESSMAN PHIL  
**RUPPE**

P. O. Box 1976, Houghton, Michigan 49931.

October 17, 1977

Gitche Gumee Oil Company  
Ontonagon, Michigan 49953

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The Ruppe for Congress Committee recently had an audit of their 1975 and 1976 books by the Federal Election Commission. As a result of this audit we have been asked to prove the legality of some of the contributions we have accepted which were written on checks with company names.

The "Federal Election Campaign Act" states that we cannot accept contributions from a company which is incorporated. However, a check from a company which is a sole proprietorship or a partnership is legal.

It will be necessary for you to furnish us with a signed statement stating the following check does not violate the "Federal Election Laws":

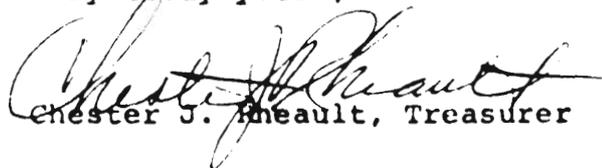
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46424	9/24/75	Gitche Gumee Oil Company	\$100.00

A form for this purpose with a return envelope is enclosed for your convenience, or you may draft your own statement.

Should your contribution be drawn on a corporate check please notify me on the form provided, as it will be necessary to return the money immediately.

The results of this audit will be filed with the Federal Election Commission and is available for purchase by the public. We are sorry for any inconvenience this may cause.

Very truly yours,

  
Chester J. Rheault, Treasurer

CJK/er

GITCHE GUMBE OIL COMPANY  
202 ONTONAGON STREET  
ONTONAGON, MICHIGAN 49953



**RETURN RECEIPT  
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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION  
1325 K Street N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20463

Attn: Anne A. Weissenborn





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# M. J. ELECTRIC, Inc.

Contractors - Overhead Line Construction - Engineering  
Substation Erection  
Underground Power & Communications Installations

P. O. Box 686

IRON MOUNTAIN, MICHIGAN  
49801

PHONE 906-774-0646

January 11, 1978

Federal Election Commission  
1325 "K" Street N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20463

Attn: Ms. Anne A. Weissenborn

Re: MUR 475 (77)

Gentlemen:

In reply to your letter of December 30, 1977, regarding an alleged violation of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, by M. J. ELECTRIC, INC. we present the following for your consideration:

1. M. J. ELECTRIC, INC. Check No. 30427, dated September 15, 1975, in the amount of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) to the Ruppe for Congress Committee.
2. A copy of Checkbook Stub No. 30427, dated September 15, 1975, indicating that this check was drawn against Account 167-3 C7.
3. A copy of the undersigned Personal Drawing Account Journal indicating that on Line thirty (30) a Check F30427, in the amount of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) was charged against the writer's Personal Drawing Account in the company. (Account 167-3 C7.)
4. A letter dated November 2, 1977, from Chester J. Rheault, Treasurer of the Ruppe for Congress Committee, in which a check for one hundred dollars (\$100.00) was issued to the writer as a reimbursement for the check mentioned previously.

BRANCH OFFICE

P. O. Box 100  
MARQUETTE, MICHIGAN

SUBSIDIARY COMPANY

SYSTEMS CONTROL CORP.  
IRON MOUNTAIN, MICHIGAN

AFFILIATED COMPANY:

M. J. LEASING, INC.  
IRON MOUNTAIN, MICHIGAN

5. A copy of our letter of November 10, 1977, to Mr. Bill Nicholls, Chairman of the Ruppe for Congress Committee along with a copy of the writer's personal Check No. 110, dated November 7, 1977, in the amount of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) made out to Ruppe for Congress.

As you can see, the original check which was issued to Ruppe for Congress was drawn against the writer's Personal Drawing Account in the company and is not a contribution by M. J. ELECTRIC, INC. In any event, this amount was refunded and the writer issued a personal check on November 7, 1977.

Under the circumstances, we feel that there has been no violation of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, and we trust this will close this matter.

Very truly yours,

M. J. ELECTRIC, INC.

  
W. J. Brule, President

WJB/jg  
Enclosures  
cc: Pers. File (1)

M. J. ELECTRIC, INC.  
CONTRACTOR & ENGINEERS  
IRON MOUNTAIN, MI 49801

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9-15-1975

PAY  
TO THE  
ORDER OF

*Ruppe for Congress Committee* \$100<sup>00</sup>

INSURED CHECK # 8016517

DOLLARS

FIRST NATIONAL BANK  
IRON MOUNTAIN AND HANTON, MICHIGAN

M. J. ELECTRIC INC.

*[Signature]*

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DATE 9-15-1975

TO Marquette Range  
Congrs Club

FOR 507.00

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DEPOSITS

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AMOUNT THIS CHECK 500.00

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DATE 9-15-1975

TO Jack Hannula

FOR 412.08.3  
(4412)

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DEPOSITS

TOTAL

AMOUNT THIS CHECK 112.05

BALANCE 250.00



CONGRESSMAN PHIL  
**RUPPE**

P.O. Box 1976, Houghton, Michigan 49931.

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M. J. ELECTRIC INC.

November 2, 1977

Mr. Warren C. Brule  
M. J. Electric, Inc.  
Iron Mountain, Michigan 49801

Dear Mr. Brule:

Enclosed is a Ruppe for Congress Committee check equal to the amount of your contributions as listed in our earlier letter. We are sorry for the inconvenience this has caused, but as mentioned in the previous letter, a political committee cannot accept contributions from a Corporation.

If you can arrange a contribution from an individual to replace the funds being returned, it would be greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

*Chester J. Cheault*  
Chester J. Cheault  
Treasurer

CJL/ex  
Inc.

November 10, 1977

Mr. Bill Nicholls, Chairman  
Ruppe for Congress Committee  
P. O. Box 27  
Houghton, Michigan 49931

Dear Bill:

Enclosed please find my check for one hundred dollars (\$100.00)  
as a contribution to Phil Ruppe. This replaces a corporate check which  
was returned recently.

Sincerely yours,

H. J. ELECTRIC, INC.

W. J. Drule, President

WJB/jg

Enclosure

cc: Pers. File (1) ✓



WARREN J. BRULE  
200 S. WESTWOOD AVE.  
KINGSFORD, MICH. 49801

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Payee for Congress  
One Hundred Dollars and  $\frac{00}{100}$  DOLLARS

FIRST NATIONAL BANK  
KINGSFORD, MICH. 49801

James Brule

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M. J. ELECTRIC, INC.

N. P. O. Box 686

IRON MOUNTAIN, MICH. 49801

Federal Election Commission  
1325 "K" Street N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20463

Attn: Ms. Anne A. Weissenborn

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FRANK A. DOUGLASS AGENCY, INC.

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*General Insurance*

324 SHELDEN AVENUE  
HOUGHTON, MICHIGAN 49931  
PHONE 482 2660

January 12, 1978

Mr. William C. Oldaker, General Counsel  
Federal Election Commission  
1325 K Street N. W.  
Washington, D. C. 20463

Dear Mr. Oldaker:

Re: MUR 475 (77)

We are in receipt of your correspondence dated December 30 on the above captioned.

We were asked to attend a social function by a member of the Ruppe for Congress Committee that took place at the Wyandotte Hills Golf Club, Twin Lakes, Michigan. The cost of this social function was \$100 and in payment of this, I issued a Frank A. Douglass Agency draft in that amount. I had no knowledge that this corporate contribution may have been in violation of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971.

Mr. Chester Rheault from Congressman Ruppe's office in Houghton returned a check in the amount of \$100 made payable to our agency in 1977. As noted, we have received reimbursement from the congressman and as stated previously, we had no knowledge that this may have been in violation. We certainly regret any inconvenience this may have caused.

If further information is needed, do not hesitate to call me.

Yours very truly,

FRANK A. DOUGLASS AGENCY, INC.

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Per *Robert D. Borsum*  
Robert D. Borsum, President



FRANK A. DOUGLASS AGENCY, INC.

324 SHELDEN AVENUE  
DOUGHTON MICH 48031



Mr. William C. Oldaker, General Counsel  
Federal Election Commission  
1325 K Street N. W.  
Washington, D. C. 20463

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January 12, 1977

FROM: Sincerely Yours, Inc.  
Mary F. Vincent, President  
325 Pennsylvania Ave., S.E.  
Washington, D.C. 20003

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TO: Federal Election Commission  
William C. Oldaker, General Counsel

Re: MUR 475(77)

Gentlemen:

Upon receipt of your letter of December 30, 1977, I immediately began an inquiry into the matter.

Your letter was somewhat of a shock because I am well aware of the law prohibiting corporations from political contributions. I have never made any such contribution, nor did so in the Ruppe case.

At this time, I can only report what I unearthed by phone calls.

We provide an RSVP Service in connection with social, religious, person, or political functions. Our services for Ruppe were engaged and paid for by Ray Chambers who I called upon receipt of your letter. Mr. Chambers paid for this service with his own check. In paying me, he said, he wrote across my invoice, "In kind contribution." I had no knowledge of his writing this on my invoice and had he asked me or informed me of his doing this, I would have objected.

Please let me know what further information you need as I am anxious to clear this matter from your records.

Mr. Chambers can be reached by telephone at 678-5006.

Sincerely,

*Mary F. Vincent*  
Mary F. Vincent

*Sincerely Yours, Inc.*

TELEPHONE ANSWERING SERVICE

325 PENNSYLVANIA AVE. S. E.

WASHINGTON, D. C. 20003



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Attention: William C. Oldaker

# Manistique Lumber and Coal Company

Everything for the Builder

Coal --- Paints --- Fuel Oil

PHONE 906-341-2137

MANISTIQUE, MICHIGAN 49854

Jan. 7, 1978

Federal Election Commission,  
1325 K Street N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20465

Attention: Mr. William C. Oldaker  
General Counsel

re- WUK 475 (77)

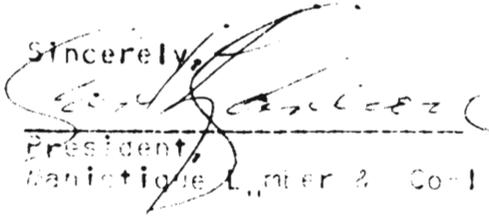
Dear Sir:

In reply to your letter of Dec. 30, 1977,  
I wish to offer the following explanation.

On April 30, 1976 The Manistique Lumber &  
Coal Co., did issue Check #6854 in the amount  
of \$25.00 to the Kuppe for Congress Committee.  
At the time I did not realize that this was an  
illegal contribution by a corporation. In October,  
1977 I received a letter from the Kuppe Committee,  
copy of which I am enclosing, advising me of the  
violation if we were a corporation. I notified  
them that we were a corporation and in November  
of 1977 this contribution of \$25.00 was returned  
to me by the Kuppe for Congress Committee.

Trusting this is the information you require,  
I am,

Sincerely,

  
President,  
Manistique Lumber & Coal Co.

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Manistique Lumber & Coal

P. O. Box 287

Manistique, MI 49854



Attention: William C. Oldaker  
General Counsel

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Washington, D. C. 20463

Attn: William C. Oldaker  
General Counsel

Re: MUR 475(77)

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of the certified letter forwarded by your office under date of December 30, 1977.

In April, 1976 I made a \$25.00 contribution by check to the Ruppe For Congress Committee. I did not know at that time that I had violated any Federal Election Campaign Act.

Over a month ago I received a check from the Ruppe Committee from Houghton, Michigan. This check was in the amount of \$25.00 and represented a refund for the above mentioned. Apparently, when the Ruppe Committee was audited by your office and advised of this, they returned my contribution.

I am very sorry this occurred and I certainly did nothing intentional to violate any election laws.

If there is anything further that I can say or do in connection with the above, I would appreciate your advising me.

With kindest personal regards, I remain.

Very truly yours,



Robert W. Broullire  
Messier-Broullire Funeral Home, Inc.  
211 Arbutus Avenue  
Manistique, Michigan 49854

Area 906-341-2442

Robert W. Broullire  
Broullier-Broullire Funeral Home, Inc.  
1 Arbutus Avenue  
East Lansing, Michigan 48854

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Attention: William C. Oldaker  
General Counsel

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1325 - K - Street N.W.  
Washington, D. C. 20463

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# Horner Flooring Company

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**DOLLAR BAY, MICHIGAN 49922**

January 11, 1978

Mr. William C. Oldaker  
General Counsel  
Federal Election Commission  
1325 K. Street, N.W.  
Washington, D. C. 20463

Re: MUR 475 (77)

Dear Sir:

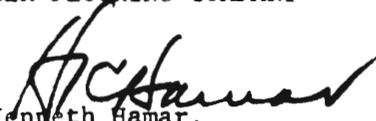
Enclosed is a letter from our fee accountant explaining the circumstances under which the check was written.

The check was issued to cover the expenses of a dinner for Phil Ruppe. It was not my intention to violate the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971.

If you should require further information, we will comply with your request.

Yours very truly,

HORNER FLOORING COMPANY

  
H. Kenneth Hamar,  
Chairman of the Board

HKH/ems

Enclosures



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

1325 K STREET N.W.  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

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CERTIFIED MAIL  
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December 30, 1977

Gallagher Marine Construction  
Company, Inc.  
Escaraba, MI 49824

Attention: President

Re: MUR 475(77)

Dear Sir:

The Federal Election Commission has found Reason to Believe that Gallagher Marine Construction Company, Inc., may have violated the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended (the "Act"), by making a corporate contribution to the Ruppe for Congress Committee in violation of 2 U.S.C. §441b(a). We have numbered this matter MUR 475(77).

Under the Act, you have an opportunity to demonstrate that no action should be taken against you. 2 U.S.C. §437g(a)(4). Please submit any factual or legal materials you believe are relevant to the Commission's investigation of this matter. Where appropriate, statements or explanations should be made under oath. Specifically, we request that you submit copies of any solicitation materials you may have received from the Ruppe for Congress Committee and copies (front and back) of all cancelled checks by which you made contributions to the Ruppe for Congress Committee. Also, please identify any person(s) from the Ruppe for Congress Committee who solicited your contribution; and state the date(s) of such solicitation, the date(s) you were contacted by the Ruppe for Congress Committee regarding the return of your contribution, and the substance of all such communications.

The Commission is under a duty to investigate this matter expeditiously. Therefore, your response should

see next page

Gallagher Marine Construction  
Company, Inc.  
Re: MUR 475(77)  
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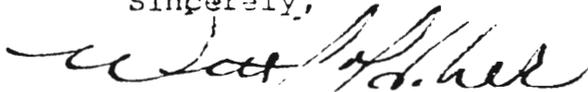
be submitted within ten (10) days after your receipt  
of this notification.

If you have any questions, please contact Anne A.  
Weissenborn, the attorney assigned to this matter at  
202/523-4039.

This matter will remain confidential in accordance  
with 2 U.S.C. §437g(a)(3)(B) unless you notify the  
Commission in writing that you wish the investigation to  
be made public.

If you intend to be represented by counsel in this  
matter, please have such counsel so notify us in writing.

Sincerely,



William C. Oldaker,  
General Counsel

WCO:jet

I was unaware that the federal  
election law had been violated, however  
the contribution to Ruppe was returned  
as indicated in the enclosed letter

Sincerely

Roy W Schmit  
Roy W Schmit, Pres.



CONGRESSMAN PHIL  
**RUPPE**

P.O. Box 1976, Houghton, Michigan 49931.

November 2, 1977

Mr. Ray W. Schmidt  
Gallagher Marine Construction Co., Inc.  
Escanaba, Michigan 49829

Dear Mr. Schmidt:

Enclosed is a Ruppe for Congress Committee check equal to the amount of your contributions as listed in our earlier letter. We are sorry for the inconvenience this has caused, but as mentioned in the previous letter, a political committee cannot accept contributions from a Corporation.

If you can arrange a contribution from an individual to replace the funds being returned, it would be greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

Chester Rheault  
Treasurer

CJR/er  
Inc.

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GALLAGHER MARINE CONSTRUCTION CO., Inc.

P.O. Box 315  
ESCANABA, MICHIGAN 49829



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Federal Election Commission  
1305 K Street N.W.  
Washington, D.C.  
20463

ALLEN G. MATTSON  
CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT

BOX 309  
CALUMET, MICHIGAN 49913

January 9, 1978

Mr. William C. Oldaker  
General Counsel  
Federal Election Commission  
1325 K. Street N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20463

Dear Sir:

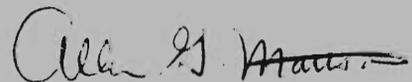
I am submitting the following statement in response to numbered matter MUR 475 (77).

As the fee accountant for the Horner Flooring Company, I reviewed the accounts and records of the company for the Year ended December 31, 1975. During my review of the accounts, I came across but one check to the Ruppe for Congress Committee which I discussed with the president of the corporation at the time, H. Kenneth Hamar. Because this is a closely held corporation, the disbursements clerk occasionally will pay personal expenditures of the officers and the officers in turn reimburse the corporation.

I, as the fee accountant, made the adjustment to remove the political contribution in question and other non-deductible expenses and charged (debited) the account, "(Accounts Receivable - Officers)" for these personnel expenses. The adjusting journal entry was made by me in June of 1976 and is reflected as an adjustment to the equity of the corporation as of May 31, 1976. H. Kenneth Hamar, who incurred these non-deductible expenses, reimbursed the corporation for all expenses charged to him by September 30, 1976. A copy of the original adjusting entry is enclosed.

Enclosed also are copies of letters from the Ruppe for Congress Committee, copy of the deposit ticket for the return of the \$100.00 in question, and the original check.

Sincerely yours,



Certified Public Accountant

Enclosures:

- 1 - Copy of adjusting entry
- 2 - Copies of letters received
- 1 - Copy of deposit ticket
- 1 - Copy of original check



CONGRESSMAN PHIL  
**RUPPE**

P.O. Box 1976, Houghton, Michigan 49931.

November 2, 1977

Mr. John Hamar  
Horner Flooring Company  
Dollar Bay, Michigan 49922

*Out of office*

Dear Mr. Hamar:

Enclosed is a Ruppe for Congress Committee check equal to the amount of your contributions as listed in our earlier letter. We are sorry for the inconvenience this has caused, but as mentioned in the previous letter, a political committee cannot accept contributions from a Corporation.

If you can arrange a contribution from an individual to replace the funds being returned, it would be greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

*Chester J. Rheault*  
Chester J. Rheault  
Treasurer

CJR/or  
Inc.

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CONGRESSMAN PHIL  
**RUPPE**

P.O. Box 1976, Houghton, Michigan 49931.

October 17, 1977

Mr. John Hamar  
Horner Flooring Company  
Dollar Bay, Michigan 49922

*Wanted  
letter to  
Ruppe Committee  
12/30/77*

Dear Mr. Hamar:

The Ruppe for Congress Committee recently had an audit of their 1975 and 1976 books by the Federal Election Commission. As a result of this audit we have been asked to prove the legality of some of the contributions we have accepted which were written on checks with company names.

The "Federal Election Campaign Act" states that we cannot accept contributions from a company which is incorporated. However, a check from a company which is a sole proprietorship or a partnership is legal.

It will be necessary for you to furnish us with a signed statement stating the following check does not violate the "Federal Election Laws":

<u>Check No.</u>	<u>Dated</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>Amount</u>
26633	9/18/75	Horner Flooring Company	\$100.00

A form for this purpose with a return envelope is enclosed for your convenience, or you may draft your own statement.

Should your contribution be drawn on a corporate check please notify us on the form provided, as it will be necessary to return the money immediately.

The results of this audit will be filed with the Federal Election Commission and is available for purchase by the public. We are sorry for any inconvenience this may cause.

Very truly yours,

*Chester J. Rheault*  
Chester J. Rheault, Treasurer

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CJR/er **HORNER** FLOORING  
COMPANY  
DOLLAR BAY, MICHIGAN

Agency Ruppe for Congress Committee, Chester Rheault, Inc. (Owner)  
A copy of our report is filed with the Federal Election Commission and is available for purchase from the Federal Election Commission, Washington, D.C.

THE SUPERIOR NATIONAL  
BANK AND TRUST COMPANY  
OF HANCOCK  
HANCOCK, MICHIGAN  
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DOLLAR BAY, MI 49922

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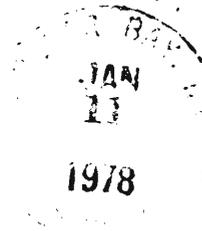
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HORNER FLOORING COMPANY

DOLLAR BAY MICHIGAN 49920

4th Class Mail. Open for inspection if necessary.  
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TO:

Mr. William C. Oldaker  
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Federal Election Commission  
1325 K. Street, N.W.  
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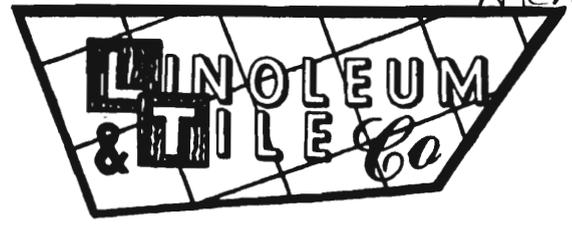
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*Alvin P. B. [Signature]*

To the Treasurer of the  
Ruppe for Congress Committee  
Box 1976  
Houghton, Michigan 49931

This is to certify that the following check complies with the  
Federal Election Campaign Laws:

<u>Check No.</u>	<u>Dated</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>Amount</u>
1000	1/15/76	...	...
1001	2/1/76	...	...

This check represents a contribution from a:

Sole Proprietorship

Partnership

Other \_\_\_\_\_

We understand this information will be filed with the Federal  
Election Commission and will be available for purchase by the  
public.

Name of Company \_\_\_\_\_

Signed by \_\_\_\_\_

*William Bonfield*

Title \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_





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DOLLAR BAY, MICHIGAN, 49922

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

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December 30, 1977

M. J. Electric, Inc.  
Iron Mountain, MI 49801

Attention: President

Re: MUR 475(77)

Dear Sir:

The Federal Election Commission has found Reason to Believe that M. J. Electric, Inc., may have violated the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended (the "Act"), by making a corporate contribution to the Ruppe for Congress Committee in violation of 2 U.S.C. §441b(a). We have numbered this matter MUR 475(77).

Under the Act, you have an opportunity to demonstrate that no action should be taken against you. 2 U.S.C. §437g(a)(4). Please submit any factual or legal materials you believe are relevant to the Commission's investigation of this matter. Where appropriate, statements or explanations should be made under oath. Specifically, we request that you submit copies of any solicitation materials you may have received from the Ruppe for Congress Committee and copies (front and back) of all cancelled checks by which you made contributions to the Ruppe for Congress Committee. Also, please identify any person(s) from the Ruppe for Congress Committee who solicited your contribution; and state the date(s) of such solicitation, the date(s) you were contacted by the Ruppe for Congress Committee regarding the return of your contribution, and the substance of all such communications.

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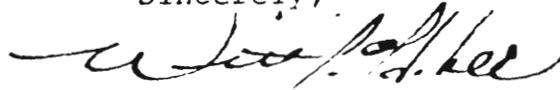
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If you have any questions, please contact Anne A. Weissenborn, the attorney assigned to this matter at 202/523-4039.

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If you intend to be represented by counsel in this matter, please have such counsel so notify us in writing.

Sincerely,



William C. Oldaker,  
General Counsel

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December 30, 1977

Sincerely Yours, Inc.  
325 Pennsylvania Avenue, S.E.  
Washington, D.C. 20003

Attention: President

Re: MUR 475(77)

Dear Sir:

The Federal Election Commission has found Reason to Believe that Sincerely Yours, Inc., may have violated the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended (the "Act"), by making a corporate contribution to the Ruppe for Congress Committee in violation of 2 U.S.C. §441b(a). We have numbered this matter MUR 475(77).

Under the Act, you have an opportunity to demonstrate that no action should be taken against you. 2 U.S.C. §437g(a)(4). Please submit any factual or legal materials you believe are relevant to the Commission's investigation of this matter. Where appropriate, statements or explanations should be made under oath. Specifically, we request that you submit copies of any solicitation materials you may have received from the Ruppe for Congress Committee and copies (front and back) of all cancelled checks by which you made contributions to the Ruppe for Congress Committee. Also, please identify any person(s) from the Ruppe for Congress Committee who solicited your contribution; and state the date(s) of such solicitation, the date(s) you were contacted by the Ruppe for Congress Committee regarding the return of your contribution, and the substance of all such communications.

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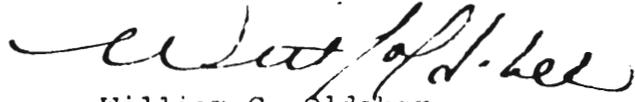
Sincerely Yours, Inc.  
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Sincerely,



William C. Oldaker,  
General Counsel

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December 30, 1977

North Shore, Inc.  
Post Office Box 382  
Manistique, MI 49854

Attention: President

Re: MUR 475(77)

Dear Sir:

The Federal Election Commission has found Reason to Believe that the North Shore, Inc., may have violated the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended (the "Act"), by making a corporate contribution to the Ruppe for Congress Committee in violation of 2 U.S.C. §441b(a). We have numbered this matter MUR 475(77).

Under the Act, you have an opportunity to demonstrate that no action should be taken against you. 2 U.S.C. §437g(a)(4). Please submit any factual or legal materials you believe are relevant to the Commission's investigation of this matter. Where appropriate, statements or explanations should be made under oath. Specifically, we request that you submit copies of any solicitation materials you may have received from the Ruppe for Congress Committee and copies (front and back) of all cancelled checks by which you made contributions to the Ruppe for Congress Committee. Also, please identify any person(s) from the Ruppe for Congress Committee who solicited your contribution; and state the date(s) of such solicitation, the date(s) you were contacted by the Ruppe for Congress Committee regarding the return of your contribution, and the substance of all such communications.

The Commission is under a duty to investigate this matter expeditiously. Therefore, your response should be submitted within ten (10) days after your receipt of this notification.

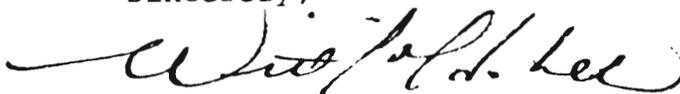
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If you intend to be represented by counsel in this matter, please have such counsel so notify us in writing.

Sincerely,



William C. Oldaker,  
 General Counsel

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2. ARTICLE ADDRESSED TO:  
*North Shore Inc.  
 PO Box 382  
 Marquette Mich 49854*

3. ARTICLE DESCRIPTION:  
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CERTIFIED MAIL  
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December 30, 1977

Gallagher Marine Construction  
Company, Inc.  
Escaraba, MI 49824

Attention: President

Re: MUR 475(77)

Dear Sir:

The Federal Election Commission has found Reason to Believe that Gallagher Marine Construction Company, Inc., may have violated the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended (the "Act"), by making a corporate contribution to the Ruppe for Congress Committee in violation of 2 U.S.C. §441b(a). We have numbered this matter MUR 475(77).

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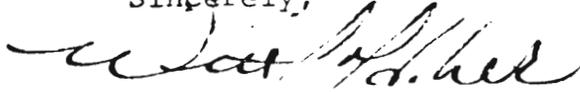
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 of this notification.

If you have any questions, please contact Anne A.  
 Weissenborn, the attorney assigned to this matter at  
 202/523-4039.

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If you intend to be represented by counsel in this  
 matter, please have such counsel so notify us in writing.

Sincerely,

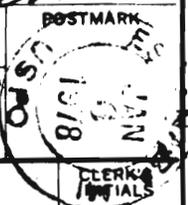


William C. Oldaker,  
 General Counsel

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December 30, 1977

A. Pearson Supply Company, Inc.  
Post Office Box 673  
Escaraba, MI 49829

Attention: President

Re: MUR 475(77)

Dear Sir:

The Federal Election Commission has found Reason to Believe that the A. Pearson Supply Company, Inc., may have violated the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended (the "Act"), by making a corporate contribution to the Ruppe for Congress Committee in violation of 2 U.S.C. §441b(a). We have numbered this matter MUR 475(77).

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A. Pearson Supply Company, Inc.  
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Sincerely,

William C. Oldaker,  
General Counsel

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2. ARTICLE ADDRESSED TO: A. Pearson Supply Co. PO Box 673 Escalante, W. Va. 44829		
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December 30, 1977

Messier-Broullire Funeral Home, Inc.  
211 Arbutus Avenue  
Manistique, MI 49854

Attention: President

Re: MUR 475(77)

Dear Sir:

The Federal Election Commission has found Reason to Believe that the Messier-Broullire Funeral Home, Inc., may have violated the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended (the "Act"), by making a corporate contribution to the Ruppe for Congress Committee in violation of 2 U.S.C. §441b(a). We have numbered this matter MUR 475(77).

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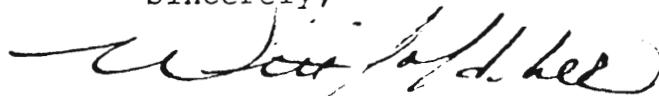
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Sincerely,



William C. Oldaker,  
General Counsel

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December 30, 1977

Frank A. Douglas Agency, Inc.  
Houghton, MI 49931

Attention: President

Re: MUR 475(77)

Dear Sir:

The Federal Election Commission has found Reason to Believe that the Frank A. Douglas Agency, Inc., may have violated the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended (the "Act"), by making a corporate contribution to the Ruppe for Congress Committee in violation of 2 U.S.C. §441b(a). We have numbered this matter MUR 475(77).

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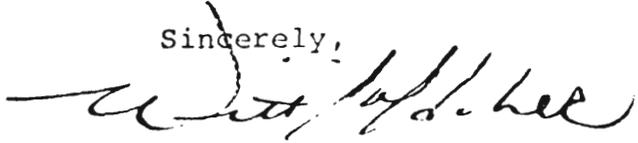
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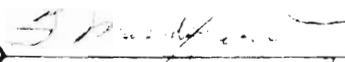
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William C. Oldaker,  
 General Counsel

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December 30, 1977

Manistique Lumber & Coal Company, Inc.  
Manistique, MI 49854

Attention: President

Re: MUR 475(77)

Dear Sir:

The Federal Election Commission has found reason to believe that the Manistique Lumber & Coal Company, Inc., may have violated the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended (the "Act"), by making a corporate contribution to the Ruppe for Congress Committee in violation of 2 U.S.C. §441b(a). We have numbered this matter MUR 475(77).

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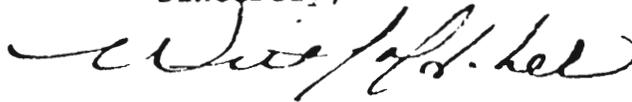
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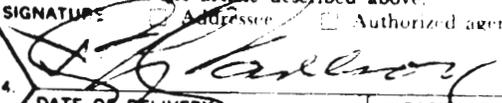
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William C. Oldaker,  
General Counsel

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CERTIFIED MAIL  
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December 30, 1977

Gitchee Gumme Oil Company  
Houghton, MI 49931

Attention: President

Re: MUR 475(77)

Dear Sir:

The Federal Election Commission has found Reason to Believe that the Gitchee Gumme Oil Company may have violated the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended (the "Act"), by making a corporate contribution to the Ruppe for Congress Committee in violation of 2 U.S.C. §441b(a). We have numbered this matter MUR 475(77).

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Gitchee Gumme Oil Company  
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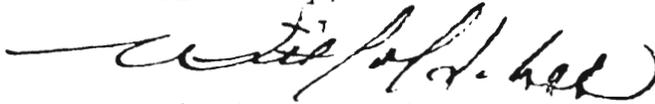
be submitted within ten (10) days after your receipt of this notification.

If you have any questions, please contact Anne A. Weissenborn, the attorney assigned to this matter at 202/523-4039.

This matter will remain confidential in accordance with 2 U.S.C. §437g(a)(3)(B) unless you notify the Commission in writing that you wish the investigation to be made public.

If you intend to be represented by counsel in this matter, please have such counsel so notify us in writing.

Sincerely,



William C. Oldaker,  
General Counsel

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2. ARTICLE ADDRESSED TO: <i>Gitchee Gumme Oil Co Houghton, Mi. 49931</i>		
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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

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December 30, 1977

Dollar Bay Linoleum & Tile Company  
Dollar Bay, MI 49922

Attention: President

Re: MUR 475(77)

Dear Sir:

The Federal Election Commission has found Reason to Believe that the Dollar Bay Linoleum and Tile Company may have violated the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended (the "Act"), by making a corporate contribution to the Ruppe for Congress Committee in violation of 2 U.S.C. §441b(a). We have numbered this matter MUR 475(77).

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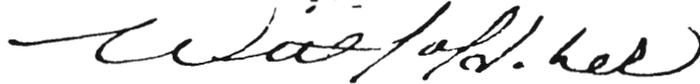
Dollar Bay Linoelum & Tile Company  
Re: MUR 475(77)  
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Sincerely,



William C. Oldaker,  
General Counsel

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MUR 475

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December 30, 1977

Chester Rheault  
Treasurer  
Rupe for Congress Committee  
c/o Woodlak Company  
West Memorial Road  
Houghton, MI 49931

Re: MUR 475(77)

Dear Mr. Rheault:

The Federal Election Commission has found reason to believe that the Rupe for Congress Committee may have violated Section 441b(a) of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended, (the "Act"), by knowingly accepting or receiving contributions from twelve corporations on the dates and amounts set forth on the attached list.

Under the Act, you have an opportunity to demonstrate that no action should be taken against you. 2 U.S.C. §437g(a)(4). Please submit any factual or legal materials you believe are relevant to the Commission's investigation in this matter. Where appropriate, statements or explanations should be submitted under oath. Additionally, please submit copies of checks received from the twelve corporations and copies of any cancelled checks by which the Rupe for Congress Committee refunded the contributions to the corporations.

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2. ARTICLE ADDRESSED TO:  
*Crestor Dept. II  
 70 Woodland Dr.  
 Wilmington, DE  
 Hospital Bldg.*

3. ARTICLE DESCRIPTION:  
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*W.C. Oldaker*

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December 30, 1977

Horner Flooring Company  
Dollar Bay, MI 49922

Attention: President

Re: MUR 475 (77)

Dear Sir:

The Federal Election Commission has found Reason to Believe that the Horner Flooring Company may have violated the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended (the "Act"), by making a corporate contribution to the Ruppe for Congress Committee in violation of 2 U.S.C. §441b(a). We have numbered this matter MUR 475 (77).

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The Commission is under a duty to investigate this matter expeditiously. Therefore, your response should be submitted within ten (10) days after your receipt of this notification.

Horner Flooring Company  
Re: MUR 475(77)  
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Sincerely,



William C. Oldaker,  
General Counsel

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2. ARTICLE ADDRESSED TO:  
*Horner Flooring Co  
Dollar Bay, MI 49922*

3. ARTICLE DESCRIPTION:  
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December 30, 1977

Coca Cola Bottling Company  
of Delta County  
Gladstone City, MI 49837

Attention: President

Re: MUR 475(77)

Dear Sir:

The Federal Election Commission has found Reason to Believe that the Coca Cola Bottling Company of Delta County may have violated the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended (the "Act"), by making a corporate contribution to the Ruppe for Congress Committee in violation of 2 U.S.C. §441b(a). We have numbered this matter MUR 475(77).

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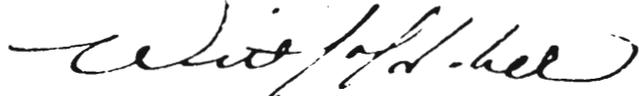
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of Delta County  
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Sincerely,



William C. Oldaker,  
General Counsel

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2. ARTICLE ADDRESSED TO:  
Coca-Cola Bottling Co. of Delta County  
Gladstone City, MI. 49637.

3. ARTICLE DESCRIPTION:  
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944054

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LIST OF CORPORATE CONTRIBUTORS

<u>Corporation</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Date of Contribution</u>
Coca-Cola Bottling Company of Delta County	\$ 75.00	11-1-75
Dollar Bay Linoleum and Tile Company	100.00 25.00	7-12-76 9-22-76
Frank A. Douglas Agency, Inc.	100.00	9-11-75
Gallagher Marine Construction Company, Inc.	50.00	10-20-75
Gitchee Gumee Oil Company	100.00	9-24-75
Horner Flooring Company	100.00	9-18-75
M. J. Electric, Inc.	100.00	9-15-75
Manistique Lumber and Coal Company, Inc.	25.00	4-30-76
Messier-Broullire Funeral Home, Inc.	25.00	4-29-76
North Shore, Inc.	50.00	4-26-76
A. Pearson Supply Company, Inc.	25.00	9-15-76
Sincerely Yours, Inc.	25.00	10-1-76

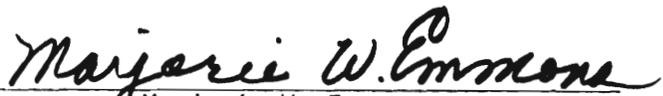
BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

In the Matter of )  
 ) MUR 475 (77)  
Ruppe for Congress Committee ("the Committee") )  
Coca-Cola Bottling Company of )  
Delta County )  
Dollar Bay Linoleum and Tile )  
Company )  
Frank A. Douglas Agency, Inc. )  
Gallagher Marine Construction )  
Company, Inc. )  
Gitchee Gumees Oil Company )  
Horner Flooring Company )  
M. J. Electric, Inc. )  
Manistique Lumber and Coal )  
Company, Inc. )  
Messier-Broullire Funeral Home Inc. )  
North Shore, Inc. )  
A. Pearson Supply Company, Inc. )  
Sincerely Yours, Inc. )

CERTIFICATION

I, Marjorie W. Emmons, Secretary to the Federal Election Commission, do hereby certify that on December 19, 1977, the Commission approved the following staff recommendations in the above-captioned matter:

1. Find reason to believe the Ruppe for Congress Committee violated 2 U.S.C. §441b(a).
2. Find reason to believe that Coca-Cola Bottling Company of Delta County, Dollar Bay Linoleum and Tile Company, Frank A Douglas Agency, Inc., Gallagher Marine Construction Company, Inc., Gitchee Gumees Oil Company, Horner Flooring Company, M. J. Electric, Inc., Manistique Lumber and Coal Company, Inc., Messier-Boullire Funeral Home, Inc., North Shore, Inc., A. Pearson Supply Company, Inc., and Sincerely yours, Inc., violated 2 U.S.C. §441b(a) by making corporate contributions.

  
Marjorie W. Emmons  
Secretary to the Commission



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

1325 K STREET N.W.  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

DECEMBER 20, 1977

MEMORANDUM TO: CHARLES STEELE  
FROM: MARJORIE EMMONS *mwe*  
RE: MUR 475 (77) - First General Counsel's  
Report

At 4:00 p.m. on December 19, 1977, the Office of the Secretary to the Commission circulated the First General Counsel's Report on MUR 475 (77).

As of 4:00 p.m. on December 20, 1977, no objection has been received to the General Counsel's recommendations to find reason to believe a violation of the Act has been committed as outlined in the report.

December 16, 1977

MEMORANDUM TO: Marge Emmons  
FROM: Elissa T. Garr  
SUBJECT: MUR 475

Please have the attached 7 Day Report distributed  
to the Commission on a 24 hour no-objection basis.

Thank you.

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FIRST GENERAL COUNSEL'S REPORT

DATE AND TIME OF TRANSMITTAL  
BY OGC TO THE COMMISSION \_\_\_\_\_

MUR NO. 475  
DATE COMPLAINT RECEIVED  
BY OGC \_\_\_\_\_  
ATTORNEY Browning/  
Weissenborn

COMPLAINANT'S NAME:

RESPONDENTS' NAME :

Ruppe for Congress Committee ("the Committee")  
Coca-Cola Bottling Company of  
Delta County  
Dollar Bay Linoleum and Tile  
Company  
Frank A. Douglas Agency, Inc.  
Gallagher Marine Construction  
Company, Inc.  
Gitchee Gumees Oil Company  
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Manistique Lumber and Coal  
Company, Inc.  
Messier-Broullire Funeral Home  
Inc.  
North Shore, Inc.  
A. Pearson Supply Company, Inc.  
Sincerely Yours, Inc.

RELEVANT STATUTE :

2 U.S.C. §441b(a)

INTERNAL REPORTS CHECKED :

None

FEDERAL AGENCIES CHECKED :

None

SUMMARY OF ALLEGATIONS

During a review of the Ruppe for Congress Committee's contribution records, the Audit Division discovered twelve apparent corporate contributions as follows:

<u>Corporation</u> <sup>1</sup>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Date of Contributions</u>
Coca-Cola Bottling Company of Delta County	\$ 75.00	11-1-75
Dollar Bay Linoleum and Tile Company	100.00 25.00	7-12-76 9-22-76
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Sincerely Yours, Inc. <sup>2</sup> (See Attachment I & II)	25.00	10-1-76

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<sup>1</sup>The Audit Division's November 2, 1977, memorandum to the General Counsel cited thirteen apparent corporate contributions. It has now been determined that the thirteenth company in question is not incorporated in the State of Michigan (See Attachment III).

<sup>2</sup>The invoice for telephone answering services sent by Sincerely Yours, Inc. to the Committee was marked "paid" when received by the Committee. This appears to have been a contribution in kind.

PRELIMINARY LEGAL ANALYSIS

A memorandum from the Audit Division to the Office of the General Counsel states that evidence of these corporate contributions was discovered in the Committee's records in the form of copies of the front of the contributors' checks. No copies of these documents were retained by the Audit Division. The Committee Treasurer explained that the Committee's receipt processing system resulted in his being presented with a list of contributions from fund-raising events which contained the names of the makers of checks received, not the names of corporations on whose accounts checks were drawn. Therefore, he claims lack of knowledge of the receipt of corporate contributions until they were discovered during the audit and has indicated that they will be returned.

It must be noted however, that according to the Audit Division the photo-copies of seven of the checks in question showed that they carried on their faces the term "Inc." after the name of the contributing business and that four others carried the term "Company". The Committee received an invoice marked "paid" from Sincerely Yours, Inc. Therefore, in at least eleven of the cases, the status of the contributors as possible corporate entities was apparently indicated to those persons from the Committee who initially received the checks.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Find reason to believe the Ruppe for Congress Committee violated 2 U.S.C. §441b(a).

2. Find reason to believe that Coca-Cola Bottling Company of Delta County, Dollar Bay Linoleum and Tile Company, Frank A. Douglas Agency, Inc., Gallagher Marine Construction Company, Inc., Gitchee Gumee Oil Company, Horner Flooring Company, M. J. Electric, Inc., Manistique Lumer and Coal Company, Inc., Messier-Broullire Funeral Home, Inc., North Shore, Inc., A. Pearson Supply Company, Inc., and Sincerely Yours, Inc., violated 2 U.S.C. §441b (a) by making corporate contributions.

3. Send attached letters.

Attachment I



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

1325 K STREET N.W.  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

November 2, 1977

MEMORANDUM

TO: BILL OLDAKER

THROUGH: ORLANDO B. POTTER *OBP.*  
STAFF DIRECTOR

FROM: *RC* BOB COSTA/TOM HASELHORST *JH*

SUBJECT: CORPORATE CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED BY  
THE RUPPE FOR CONGRESS COMMITTEE

A review of the Ruppe for Congress Committee's contribution records during the recent field audit disclosed 13 apparent corporate contributions. The records observed in all instances, except for one (1) contribution in-kind, were copies of the front of the contributor's check.

Seven (7) contributions totaling \$375 were supported by checks reflecting "Inc." after the name of the contributing business and five (5) additional contributions totaling \$400 were supported by checks reflecting "Company." Subsequent verification of the business' corporate status was obtained through the Secretary of State's Office, Lansing, Michigan. A \$25 corporate contribution in-kind, supported by an invoice, was received and reported by the Committee to the Commission.

We brought the matter to the Treasurer's attention and he acknowledged the validity of our findings in the obvious cases, indicating for those business contributions where some question remained, he would investigate further and advise us accordingly. The Treasurer attributed the acceptance of these contributions to be a basic fault in their receipt processing system whereby contributions from fundraising events were transferred to a separate list after the checks were copied, and that the list, which the Treasurer reviewed, often reflected the name of the principal of the business, not the corporate name itself. He indicated he would return all corporate contributions.

This matter is referred to your office for your consideration of instituting a MUR. If you have any questions, please contact Craig Russell or Tom Haselhorst on Extension 3-4155.









FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

1325 K STREET N.W.  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

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Chester Rheault  
Treasurer  
Ruppe for Congress Committee  
c/o Woodlak Company  
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Houghton, MI 49931

Re: MUR 475(77)

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(LETTER TO BE SENT TO 12 CORPORATIONS - MUR 475)

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Dear Sir:

The Federal Election Commission has found reason to believe that  
may have violated the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended (the "Act"), by making a corporate contribution to the Ruppe for Congress Committee in violation of 2 U.S.C. §441b(a). We have numbered this matter MUR 475(77).

Under the Act, you have an opportunity to demonstrate that no action should be taken against you. 2 U.S.C. §437g (a) (4). Please submit any factual or legal materials you believe are relevant to the Commission's investigation of this matter. Where appropriate, statements or explanations should be made under oath. Specifically, we request that you submit copies of any solicitation materials you may have received from the Ruppe for Congress Committee and copies (front and back) of all cancelled checks by which you made contributions to the Ruppe for Congress Committee.

Also please identify the Committee who solicited your contribution: and state the date(s) of such solicitation, the date(s) you were contacted by the Ruppe for Congress Committee regarding the return of your contribution and the substance of all such communications.

The Commission is under a duty to investigate this matter expeditiously. Therefore, your response should be submitted

within ten days after your receipt of this notification.

If you have any questions, please contact Anne A. Weissenborn, the attorney assigned to this matter, at 202-532-4039.

This matter will remain confidential in accordance with 2 U.S.C. §432g(a)(3)(B) unless you notify the Commission in writing that you wish the investigation to be made public.

If you intend to be represented by counsel in this matter, please have such counsel so notify us in writing.

Sincerely,

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General Counsel

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November 2, 1977

MEMORANDUM

TO: BILL OLDAKER

THROUGH: ORLANDO B. POTTER *OB.P.*  
STAFF DIRECTOR

FROM: *RJC* BOB COSTA/TOM HASELHORST *TJ H*

SUBJECT: CORPORATE CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED BY  
THE RUPPE FOR CONGRESS COMMITTEE

A review of the Ruppe for Congress Committee's contribution records during the recent field audit disclosed 13 apparent corporate contributions. The records observed in all instances, except for one (1) contribution in-kind, were copies of the front of the contributor's check.

Seven (7) contributions totaling \$375 were supported by checks reflecting "Inc." after the name of the contributing business and five (5) additional contributions totaling \$400 were supported by checks reflecting "Company." Subsequent verification of the business' corporate status was obtained through the Secretary of State's Office, Lansing, Michigan. A \$25 corporate contribution in-kind, supported by an invoice, was received and reported by the Committee to the Commission.

We brought the matter to the Treasurer's attention and he acknowledged the validity of our findings in the obvious cases, indicating for those business contributions where some question remained, he would investigate further and advise us accordingly. The Treasurer attributed the acceptance of these contributions to be a basic fault in their receipt processing system whereby contributions from fundraising events were transferred to a separate list after the checks were copied, and that the list, which the Treasurer reviewed, often reflected the name of the principal of the business, not the corporate name itself. He indicated he would return all corporate contributions.

This matter is referred to your office for your consideration of instituting a MUR. If you have any questions, please contact Craig Russell or Tom Haselhorst on Extension 3-4155.



