



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

1125 K STREET N.W.
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

THIS IS THE END OF MUR # 676

DATE: 11/9/78

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

1125 K STREET N.W.
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

August 30, 1978

Bill Mears
108 Higdon Road
Hot Springs, Arkansas 71901

Re: MUR 676

Dear Mr. Mears:

This is to advise you that, on August 23, 1978, the Commission found no reason to believe that Representative John Paul Hammerschmidt violated the Federal Election Campaign Act in connection with those matters raised in your recent complaint and voted to close its file in this matter. A copy of the certification of the Commission's action is enclosed.

For your information, I note that your complaint supplied the Commission with no documentation or other information in support of your allegations.

Should you decide to pursue this matter before the House Committee on Standards of Official Conduct, or before any other Committee, it will be necessary for you to communicate directly with them.

If you have any questions, please contact Vincent J. Convery, Jr., the Commission attorney assigned to this matter, at 202-523-4058.

Sincerely,

William C. Oldaker
General Counsel

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

1125 K STREET N.W.
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

August 31, 1978

The Honorable John Paul Hammerschmidt
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Re: MUR 676

Dear Mr. Hammerschmidt:

On August 8, 1978, a complaint which alleged certain improprieties in connection with your use of franked mail was filed with the Federal Election Commission. A copy of that complaint is at Attachment A.

On August 23, 1978, the Commission found no reason to believe that you violated the Federal Election Campaign Act with regard to those matters raised in the complaint. A copy of the certification of the Commission's action is at Attachment B.

Should you have any questions please contact Vincent J. Convery, Jr., the Commission attorney assigned to this matter, at 523-4058.

Sincerely,

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William C. Oldaker
General Counsel

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

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

MEMORANDUM TO CHARLES STEELE
FROM: MARJORIE W. EMMONS *MJE leg for*
DATE: AUGUST 29, 1978
SUBJECT: MUR 676 CLOSING LETTER
Received in Office of Commission
Secretary: 8-28-78, 10:27

The above-named document was circulated on a 24
hour no-objection basis at 3:00 p.m. on August 28, 1978.

The Commission Secretary's Office has received
no objections to the Closing Letter as of 3:00 pm. this
date.

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August 28, 1978

MEMORANDUM TO: Marge Emmons
FROM: Elissa T. Garr
SUBJECT: MUR 676

Please have the attached revised letter in MUR 676 distributed to the Commission on a 24 hour no-objection basis.

Thank you.

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20461

August 25, 1978

MEMORANDUM TO: The Commission
FROM: William C. Oldaker
SUBJECT: Closing Letter MUR 676

Per the request of the Commission at the Executive Session of August 23, 1978, attached is our draft of the closing letter to the complainant in MUR 676.

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

Bill Mears
108 Higdon Road
Hot Springs, Arkansas 71901

Re: MUR 676

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

MEMORANDUM TO: CHARLES STEFLE
FROM: MARJORIE W. EMMONS *MWE*
SUBJECT: MUR 676 - First General Counsel's Report
dated 8-17-78, Received in
Office of Commission Secretary
8-17-78, 11:16
DATE: AUGUST 22, 1978

The above-named document was circulated on a 48
hour vote basis at 3:30 p.m., August 17, 1978.

Commissioner Staebler submitted an objection
at 4:49, August 21, 1978, thereby placing MUR 676
on the Amended Agenda for August 23, 1978.

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August 17, 1978

MEMORANDUM TO: Marge Emmons
FROM: Elissa T. Garr
SUBJECT: MUR 676

Please have the attached First General Counsel's Report on MUR 676 distributed to the Commission on a 48 hour tally basis.

Thank you.

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

FIRST GENERAL COUNSEL'S REPORT

DATE AND TIME OF TRANSMITTAL SEP 17 1978
BY OGC TO COMMISSION _____

MUR NO. 676
DATE COMPLAINT RECIEVED
BY OGC Aug. 8, 1978

STAFF MEMBER(S) Convery

COMPLAINANT'S NAME: Bill Mears

RESPONDENT'S NAME: John Paul Hammerschmidt, Arkansas

RELEVANT STATUTE: 39 U.S.C. §3210

INTERNAL REPORTS CHECKED: None

FEDERAL AGENCIES CHECKED: None

SUMMARY OF ALLEGATIONS

In a notarized complaint dated August 4, 1978, Bill Mears, Democratic candidate for election to the House of Representatives from the Third District of Arkansas charged that "the mailouts of [incumbent] Representative John Paul Hammerschmidt are political in nature, a dreadful expense to the taxpayer, and serve no government business purpose."

PRELIMINARY ANALYSIS

The complainant appears to be arguing that, instead of lawfully using the frank in the performance of his official duties, Rep. Hammerschmidt abused the privilege by distributing literature that was laudatory and complimentary to himself and was political in nature. However, he does not conclude that a violation of the Act has occurred. Rather, he requests a "ruling" and requests disclosure of the "full complete yearly cost [of the mailouts] to the taxpayer." 1/

1/ We assume that the complainant is requesting a "ruling" on the allegations noted above and on the additional allegations that the mailout is a "travesty of justice and only a gimmick for self-personification." The complainant did not provide us with copies of the mailout(s) in question.

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Generally, the policy of Congress with regard to franked mail is set out in 39 U.S.C. §3210 et seq., 2/ and not in the Federal Election Campaign Act. 3/

RECOMMENDATION

Find no reason to believe that a violation of the Act has occurred, close the file and authorize the sending of the attached letters.

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2/ The Rules of the House of Representatives, Section 942.3, specify that the House Commission on Congressional Mailing Standards shall render advisory opinions as to whether proposed franked mailing of any member is in compliance with the provisions of Section 3210.

3/ 2 U.S.C. §439b sets forth a prohibition on franked solicitations but no violation of this Section was alleged.



MUR 676
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MEARS for Congress

DEMOCRAT

108 HIGDON ROAD
HOT SPRINGS, ARKANSAS 71901



August 4, 1978

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

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Dear Mr. Oldaker:

Thank you for your letter of July 21, 1978.

The July 11, 1978 issue of "The Christian Science Monitor" stated in an article by Peter C. Stuart:

- (1) "One Senator, Richard B. Stone(D) of Florida, goes even further. He has sent no newsletters at all since he was elected nearly four years ago. On the basis of his predecessor's volume of mailing, he saves taxpayers \$1.2 million a year in postage."
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In compliance with your instructions, I am the complainant and am charging that the mailouts of Representative John Faul Hammerschmidt are political in nature, a dreadful expense to the taxpayer, and serve no government business purpose. The news media already has the information for the public and nothing connected with the mailout is free, because we the taxpayers must pay for it.

Mr. Oldaker, you may use this letter as your authority to communicate with the Ethics Committee of the House of Representatives or anyone else to investigate this matter. Specifically, I am again charging that Mr. Hammerschmidt's mailout is a travesty of justice to the taxpayers and only a gimmick for self personification. I seek a ruling and the full complete yearly cost to the taxpayer.

Thank you.

cc: media

Respectfully,
Bill Mears
Bill Mears

STATE OF ARKANSAS)
COUNTY OF GARLAND)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 4th day of August, 1978.
My Comm. Expires: 4/30/82

Scott A. Mulliken

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General Counsel

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

August 10, 1978

Bill Mears
108 Higdon Road
Hot Springs, Arkansas 71901

Dear Mr. Mears:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your complaint of August 4, 1978, alleging violations of the Federal Election Campaign Laws. A staff member has been assigned to analyze your allegations and a recommendation to the Federal Election Commission as to how this matter should be handled will be made shortly. You will be notified as soon as the Commission determines what action should be taken. For your information, we have attached a brief description of the Commission's preliminary procedures for the handling of complaints.

Sincerely,

William C. Oldaker
General Counsel

Enclosure

MUR 676

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MEARS for Congress

DEMOCRAT

108 HIGDON ROAD
HOT SPRINGS, ARKANSAS 71901

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August 4, 1978

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

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Respectfully,
Bill Mears
Bill Mears

STATE OF ARKANSAS)
COUNTY OF GARLAND)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 4th day of August, 1978.
My Comm. Expires: 4/30/82

Sally A. Mulliken

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

1125 K STREET N.W.
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

July 21, 1978

Bill Mears
Bill Mears for Congress
Democrat
108 Higdon Road
Hot Springs, Arkansas 71901

Dear Mr. Mears:

We have received your letter of July 19, 1978, inquiring into the possibility of a violation of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended.

As set forth in 2 U.S.C. section 437g(a)(1), the Commission is not empowered to take action unless complaints are signed, sworn and notarized by the complainant. Under Section 111.2 of the Commission's regulations, it is also required that a complaint contain: (1) The full name, address and telephone number of the complainant; (2) a clear and concise statement of the acts which are alleged to constitute a violation of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971; (3) any documentation of allegations of the complaint available to the complainant; and (4) an assertion that the person complaining, if not a candidate, is not filing the complaint on behalf of or at the request of a candidate, unless such is the fact, in which case it shall be set forth.

In the interests of complying with the above procedures, a copy of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended, and a copy of the Commission's regulations are enclosed with this letter. I hope that an examination of these materials will answer most of your questions and will enable you to be specific in any assertions or allegations you might make, in the event you wish to file a complaint with the Commission.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any further questions.

Sincerely,

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

William C. Oldaker
General Counsel



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MEARS for Congress

DEMOCRAT

108 HIGDON ROAD
HOT SPRINGS, ARKANSAS 71901

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

7-13-78

July 13, 1978

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Chairman Joan B. Aikens
Federal Election Commission
1325 K Street N. W.
Washington, D. C. 20463

Dear Chairman Aikens:

I sent you a copy of a letter I addressed to the Postmaster General W. F. Bolger, dated July 7, 1978.

In the letter I stated the following:

- (1) If the mail out by Republican John Paulammerschmidt is provided by the republican party, it needs to be reported to the Federal Election Commission as an in-kind contribution.
- (2) If the date is to report government business, then the news media has already dispersed the information.
- (3) If the mail out is to solicit opinions, then we need a professional pollster because Mr. Lammerchmidt's goal is not objective and it is over simplified.
- (4) I stated that Mr. Lammerchmidt's mail out is purely political in nature.

Please note that I do not object to the Franking Privilege (sending mail free of charge, for purely government business, however, since the taxpayer is picking up the tab for hundreds of thousands of dollars a year, I believe we should evaluate certain privileges.

Please consider this letter as a request for an official ruling as to the political nature of Mr. Lammerchmidt's mail out and also, what expense has the taxpayer borne for the mail out the past several (11) years.

Please advise the ruling from the Postmaster General on Mr. Lammerchmidt's mail out as if it is fair for a government employee to be able to use the franking privilege for personal mail.

Sincerely,

Respectfully,

Bill Mears
Bill Mears

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Bill Mears

for CONGRESS

DEMOCRAT

108 Higdon Road
Hot Springs, Arkansas 71901



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Mr. Bill Mears
Federal Election Commission
1225 W. Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20463



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THIS IS THE BEGINNING OF MUR # 676





FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

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THIS IS THE END OF MUR # 676

DATE: 11/9/78

11/24/78

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BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

In the Matter of)
) MUR 676 (78)
John Paul Hammerschmidt Arkansas)

CERTIFICATION

I, Marjorie W. Emmons, Secretary to the Federal Election Commission, do hereby certify that on September 21, 1978, the Commission determined by a vote of 6-0 to adopt the following recommendations of the General Counsel in the above-captioned matter as set forth in his memorandum dated September 15, 1978:

1. That the latest communication from Mr. Mears, dated September 6, 1978, does not set any grounds for the Commission's reconsideration of its findings in this matter.
2. Send the letters attached to the above-named memorandum.

Attest.

9/21/78
Date

Marjorie W. Emmons
Marjorie W. Emmons
Secretary to the Commission

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September 15, 1978

MEMORANDUM TO: Marge Emmons
FROM: Elissa T. Garr
SUBJECT: MUR 676

Please have the attached Memo on MUR 676 distributed
to the Commission on a 48 hour tally basis.

Thank you.

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

1325 K STREET N.W.
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20461

September 15, 1978

MEMORANDUM

TO: The Commission

FROM: William C. Oldaker *W.C. Oldaker*

SUBJECT: Additional correspondence
Re: MUR 676

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Bill Mears, the complainant in MUR 676, has provided us with a copy of a letter written by Congressman John Paul Hammerschmidt to a Federal District Court Judge in Arkansas. 1/ In the letter, which was written on House of Representatives stationery, Rep. Hammerschmidt requests that the Judge reconsider the terms of a court sentence imposed upon the Mayor of Van Buren, Arkansas.

Mr. Mears contends that the letter is purely political and personal in nature and requests study and investigation of the matter.

We do not believe that this latest communication from Mr. Mears sets out any grounds for the Commission's reconsideration of its finding in MUR 676, and propose sending the attached letters to Mr. Mears and to Rep. Hammerschmidt.

1/ Apparently, our letter advising Mr. Mears of the closing of MUR 676, mailed August 31, 1978, had not arrived when he forwarded the additional material.

Attachments:

1. Letter from Bill Mears, with enclosure, dated Sept. 6, 1978
2. Proposed letter to Bill Mears
3. Proposed letter to Rep. Hammerschmidt

To the District Arkansas

HOME ADDRESS
HARRISON ARKANSAS

WASHINGTON ADDRESS:
2100 HAYBURN BUILDING
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20515
PHONE 225-4301

M.A. 1111
Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

April 13, 1978

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The Honorable Paul X. Williams
Federal Judge of the Western
District of Arkansas
United States Post Office Bldg.
Fort Smith, Arkansas 72901

*U.S. v Toothaker
FS-17-CR*

Dear Judge Williams:

I have recently learned that Mayor Allen Toothaker's name has been ordered removed from the list of candidates in the upcoming mayoralty race in Van Buren because he is still serving a period of probation.

While recognizing fully that the question of duration of probation is solely a matter for the Court to decide, because of my high regard for Mayor Toothaker as a public official and as a person, I am taking the liberty of contacting you to express the hope that it might be possible to consider terminating his probation at this time. It is my understanding that he has served over one-third of the prescribed probation period and has paid the fine levied against him.

I have known Allen Toothaker for many years and consider him to be a very fine public official. He has served the people of Van Buren as mayor for twenty-one years during which time we all have seen that city grow and prosper. His life has been and continues to be dedicated to carrying out the duties of the mayor's office. In my opinion, the citizens of Van Buren should have the opportunity to decide at the polls whom they want as mayor.

Over the years I have also come to know Mayor Toothaker quite well as a person. He has consistently shown himself to be a man of good character, with strong convictions, and an outstanding citizen of the community. He has accepted the judgment of the Court in his case and carried out the penalti

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April 13, 1978

imposed in an exemplary manner.

Therefore, I respectfully urge all proper consideration of the possibility that you might discharge Mayor Toothaker from the remainder of the imposed probation.

With kind regards,

Sincerely,



JOHN PAUL HAMMERSCHMIDT
Member of Congress

JPH: rbc

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September 6, 1978

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

Dear Mr. Oldaker:

Thank you for your letter of August 10, 1978, and your accompanying data outlining your procedures for investigations. In my letter to you of August 4, 1978, I requested an investigation by your department with respect to the use of the U. S. Mail service by Congressman Hammerschmidt for political purposes and further requested you confer with the Ethics Committee of the House of Representatives on this matter.

I am herewith attaching a copy of a letter I obtained from the file of the Federal District Clerk, Ft. Smith, Arkansas, written by Congressman Hammerschmidt to Federal Judge Paul X. Williams for your further study in your investigation.

Please note that the letter is written on Congressional stationery, at taxpayers expense and its contents are purely political and personal in nature.

The attached letter of Congressman Hammerschmidt's is a part of a file on Mayor Toothaker of Van Buren, Arkansas and is public information at the Federal Clerks office in Ft. Smith, Arkansas.

Your study and investigation of this matter would be appreciated.

Respectfully,

Bill Mears
Bill Mears

Attachment 1

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

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CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Bill Mears
108 Higdon Road
Hot Springs, Arkansas 71901

Re: MUR 676

Dear Mr. Mears:

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As we advised in our letter of August 30, 1978, the Commission has found no reason to believe that a violation of the Federal Election Campaign Act occurred and has voted to close its file in this matter. The copy of the communication between Representative Hammerschmidt and Judge Williams which you provided presents no basis for reconsideration of those findings.

If you have any questions, please contact Vincent J. Convery, Jr., the attorney assigned to this matter, at 202-523-4058.

Sincerely,

William C. Oldaker
General Counsel

Attachment 2



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Sincerely,

William C. Oldaker
General Counsel

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September 6, 1978

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

Dear Mr. Oldaker:

Thank you for your letter of August 10, 1978, and your accompanying data outlining your procedures for investigations. In my letter to you of August 4, 1978, I requested an investigation by your department with respect to the use of the U. S. Mail service by Congressman Hammerschmidt for political purposes and further requested you confer with the Ethics Committee of the House of Representatives on this matter.

I am herewith attaching a copy of a letter I obtained from the file of the Federal District Clerk, Ft. Smith, Arkansas, written by Congressman Hammerschmidt to Federal Judge Paul W. Williams for your further study in your investigation.

Please note that the letter is written on Congressional stationery, at taxpayers expense and its contents are purely political and personal in nature.

The attached letter of Congressman Hammerschmidt's is a part of a file on Taylor Toothaker of Van Buren, Arkansas and is public information at the Federal Clerks office in Ft. Smith, Arkansas.

Your study and investigation of this matter would be appreciated.

Respectfully,

Bill Mears
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JOHN PAUL HAMMERSCHMIDT
1st District, Arkansas

HOME ADDRESS
Stadium Annex 11

WASHINGTON ADDRESS
2150 Rayburn Building
Washington D.C. 20515
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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

April 13, 1978

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MEDICAL FACILITIES AND
SELECT COMMITTEE ON

The Honorable Paul X. Williams
Federal Judge of the Western
District of Arkansas
United States Post Office Bldg.
Fort Smith, Arkansas 72901

*U.S. v Toothaker
FS-17-CR*

Dear Judge Williams:

I have recently learned that Mayor Allen Toothaker's name has been ordered removed from the list of candidates in the upcoming mayoralty race in Van Buren because he is still serving a period of probation.

While recognizing fully that the question of duration of probation is solely a matter for the Court to decide, because of my high regard for Mayor Toothaker as a public official and as a person, I am taking the liberty of contacting you to express the hope that it might be possible to consider terminating his probation at this time. It is my understanding that he has served over one-third of the prescribed probation period and has paid the fine levied against him.

I have known Allen Toothaker for many years and consider him to be a very fine public official. He has served the people of Van Buren as mayor for twenty-one years during which time we all have seen that city grow and prosper. His life has been and continues to be dedicated to carrying out the duties of the mayor's office. In my opinion, the citizens of Van Buren should have the opportunity to decide at the polls whom they want as mayor.

Over the years I have also come to know Mayor Toothaker quite well as a person. He has consistently shown himself to be a man of good character, with strong convictions, and an outstanding citizen of the community. He has accepted the judgment of the Court in his case and carried out the penalties

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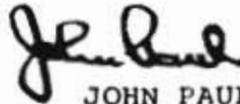
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imposed in an exemplary manner.

Therefore, I respectfully urge all proper consideration of the possibility that you might discharge Mayor Toothaker from the remainder of the imposed probation.

With kind regards,

Sincerely,

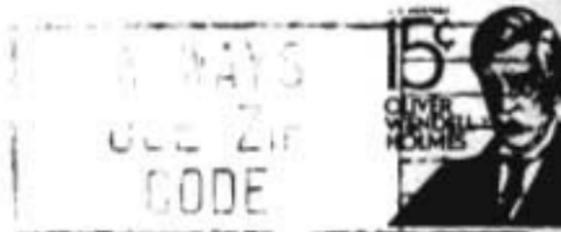


JOHN PAUL HAMMERSCHMIDT
Member of Congress

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Bill Mears
for CONGRESS
DEMOCRAT
108 Higdon Road
Hot Springs, Arkansas 71901



Mr. Elliot A. Gidaker, General Counsel
Federal Election Commission
1325 N. Street, N.W.
Washington, D. C. 20463

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 Hon. J. P. Hammerschmidt
 House of Reps
 Wash, DC 20515

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2 ARTICLE ADDRESSED TO
 Bill Mears
 108 Higdon Road
 Hot Springs, Arkansas 71901

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 Bill Mears

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 Hot Springs Ark 71901

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

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

August 30, 1978

Bill Mears
108 Higdon Road
Hot Springs, Arkansas 71901

Re: MUR 676

Dear Mr. Mears:

This is to advise you that, on August 23, 1978, the Commission found no reason to believe that Representative John Paul Hammerschmidt violated the Federal Election Campaign Act in connection with those matters raised in your recent complaint and voted to close its file in this matter. A copy of the certification of the Commission's action is enclosed.

For your information, I note that your complaint supplied the Commission with no documentation or other information in support of your allegations.

Should you decide to pursue this matter before the House Committee on Standards of Official Conduct, or before any other Committee, it will be necessary for you to communicate directly with them.

If you have any questions, please contact Vincent J. Convery, Jr., the Commission attorney assigned to this matter, at 202-523-4058.

Sincerely,

William C. Oldaker
General Counsel

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

1125 K STREET N.W.
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

August 31, 1978

The Honorable John Paul Hammerschmidt
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Re: MUR 676

Dear Mr. Hammerschmidt:

On August 8, 1978, a complaint which alleged certain improprieties in connection with your use of franked mail was filed with the Federal Election Commission. A copy of that complaint is at Attachment A.

On August 23, 1978, the Commission found no reason to believe that you violated the Federal Election Campaign Act with regard to those matters raised in the complaint. A copy of the certification of the Commission's action is at Attachment B.

Should you have any questions please contact Vincent J. Convery, Jr., the Commission attorney assigned to this matter, at 523-4058.

Sincerely,

William C. Oldaker
General Counsel

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

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

MEMORANDUM TO CHARLES STEELE
FROM: MARJORIE W. EMMONS *MJE by jw*
DATE: AUGUST 29, 1978
SUBJECT: MUR 676 CLOSING LETTER
Received in Office of Commission
Secretary: 8-28-78, 10:27

The above-named document was circulated on a 24
hour no-objection basis at 3:00 p.m. on August 28, 1978.

The Commission Secretary's Office has received
no objections to the Closing Letter as of 3:00 pm. this
date.

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August 28, 1978

MEMORANDUM TO: Marge Simons
FROM: Elissa T. Garr
SUBJECT: MUR 676

Please have the attached revised letter in MUR 676 distributed to the Commission on a 24 hour no-objection basis.

Thank you.

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

1325 K STREET N.W.
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20461

August 25, 1978

MEMORANDUM TO: The Commission
FROM: William C. Oldaker *WCO*
SUBJECT: Closing Letter, MUR 676

Per the request of the Commission at the Executive Session of August 23, 1978, attached is our draft of the closing letter to the complainant in MUR 676.

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

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

Bill Mears
108 Higdon Road
Hot Springs, Arkansas 71901

Re: MUR 676

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Sincerely,

William C. Oldaker
General Counsel

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1125 K STREET N.W.
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

MEMORANDUM TO: CHARLES STEFLE

FROM: MARJORIE W. EMMONS *MWE*

SUBJECT: MUR 676 - First General Counsel's Report
dated 8-17-78, Received in
Office of Commission Secretary
8-17-78, 11:16

DATE: AUGUST 22, 1978

The above-named document was circulated on a 48 hour vote basis at 3:30 p.m., August 17, 1978.

Commissioner Staebler submitted an objection at 4:49, August 21, 1978, thereby placing MUR 676 on the Amended Agenda for August 23, 1978.

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August 17, 1979

MEMORANDUM TO: Marge Emmons
FROM: Eliana T. Carr
SUBJECT: MUR 676

Please have the Attached First General Counsel's Report on MUR 676 distributed to the Commission on a 48 hour tally basis.

Thank you.

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Generally, the policy of Congress with regard to franked mail is set out in 39 U.S.C. §3210 et seq., 2/ and not in the Federal Election Campaign Act. 3/

RECOMMENDATION

Find no reason to believe that a violation of the Act has occurred, close the file and authorize the sending of the attached letters.

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2/ The Rules of the House of Representatives, Section 942.3, specify that the House Commission on Congressional Mailing Standards shall render advisory opinions as to whether proposed franked mailing of any member is in compliance with the provisions of Section 3210.

3/ 2 U.S.C. §439b sets forth a prohibition on franked solicitations but no violation of this Section was alleged.

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August 4, 1978

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

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Dear Mr. Oldaker:

Thank you for your letter of July 21, 1978.

The July 11, 1978 issue of "The Christian Science Monitor" stated in an article by Peter C. Stuart:

- (1) "One Senator, Richard B. Stone(D) of Florida, goes even further. He has sent no newsletters at all since he was elected nearly four years ago. On the basis of his predecessor's volume of mailing, he saves taxpayers \$1.2 million a year in postage."
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In compliance with your instructions, I am the complainant and am charging that the mailouts of Representative John Paul Hammerschmidt are political in nature, a dreadful expense to the taxpayer, and serve no government business purpose. The news media already has the information for the public and nothing connected with the mailout is free, because we the taxpayers must pay for it.

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Thank you.

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Respectfully,

Bill Meares

Bill Meares

STATE OF ARKANSAS)
COUNTY OF GARLAND)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 4th day of August, 1978.
My Comm. Expires: 4/30/82

Keith A. Mulliken

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

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

Bill Mears
108 Higdon Road
Hot Springs, Arkansas 71901

Re: MUR 676

Dear Mr. Mears:

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Sincerely,

William C. Oldaker
General Counsel

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

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Sincerely,

William C. Oldaker
General Counsel

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

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

August 10, 1978

Bill Mears
108 Higdon Road
Hot Springs, Arkansas 71901

Dear Mr. Mears:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your complaint of August 4, 1978, alleging violations of the Federal Election Campaign Laws. A staff member has been assigned to analyze your allegations and a recommendation to the Federal Election Commission as to how this matter should be handled will be made shortly. You will be notified as soon as the Commission determines what action should be taken. For your information, we have attached a brief description of the Commission's preliminary procedures for the handling of complaints.

Sincerely,

William C. Oldaker
General Counsel

Enclosure

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MUR 676

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HOT SPRINGS, ARKANSAS 71901

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August 4, 1978

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

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Respectfully,
Bill Mears
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STATE OF ARKANSAS)
COUNTY OF GARLAND)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 4th day of August, 1978.
My Comm. Expires: 4/30/82

Stella A. Mulligan

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Bill Mears

for CONGRESS

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General Counsel
Federal Election Commission
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Washington, D. C. 20463

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

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

July 21, 1978

Bill Mears
Bill Mears for Congress
Democrat
108 Higdon Road
Hot Springs, Arkansas 71901

Dear Mr. Mears:

We have received your letter of July 19, 1978, inquiring into the possibility of a violation of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended.

As set forth in 2 U.S.C. section 437g(a)(1), the Commission is not empowered to take action unless complaints are signed, sworn and notarized by the complainant. Under Section 111.2 of the Commission's regulations, it is also required that a complaint contain: (1) The full name, address and telephone number of the complainant; (2) a clear and concise statement of the acts which are alleged to constitute a violation of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971; (3) any documentation of allegations of the complaint available to the complainant; and (4) an assertion that the person complaining, if not a candidate, is not filing the complaint on behalf of or at the request of a candidate, unless such is the fact, in which case it shall be set forth.

In the interests of complying with the above procedures, a copy of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended, and a copy of the Commission's regulations are enclosed with this letter. I hope that an examination of these materials will answer most of your questions and will enable you to be specific in any assertions or allegations you might make, in the event you wish to file a complaint with the Commission.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any further questions.

Sincerely,

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

William C. Oldaker
General Counsel

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MEARS for Congress

DEMOCRAT

108 HIGDON ROAD
HOT SPRINGS, ARKANSAS 71901



July 13, 1978

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Chairman Joan D. Aikens
Federal Election Commission
1325 A Street N.W.
Washington, D. C. 20463

Dear Chairman Aikens:

I sent you a copy of a letter I addressed to the Postmaster General W. F. Bolger, dated July 7, 1978.

In the letter I stated the following:

- (1) If the mail out by Republican John Paul Hammerschmidt is provided by the Republican Party, it needs to be reported to the Federal Election Commission as an in-kind contribution.
- (2) If the date is to report government business, then the news media has already dispersed the information.
- (3) If the mail out is to solicit opinions, then we need a professional pollster because Mr. Hammerschmidt's goal is not objective and it is over simplified.
- (4) I stated that Mr. Hammerschmidt's mail out is purely political in nature.

Please note that I do not object to the Franking Privilege (sending mail free of charge, for purely government business, however, since the taxpayer is picking up the tab for hundreds of thousands of dollars a year, I believe we should evaluate certain privileges.

Please consider this letter as a request for an official ruling as to the political nature of Mr. Hammerschmidt's mail out and also, what expense has the taxpayer borne for the mail out the past eleven (11) years.

I am awaiting the ruling from the Postmaster General on Mr. Hammerschmidt's mail out and if it is fair for a government employee to be able to use the mail free when his opponent cannot.

Sincerely,

Respectfully,
Bill Mears
Bill Mears

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THIS IS THE BEGINNING OF MUR # 676
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