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Jeff S. Jordan, Supervisory Attorney
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Washington, DC 20463

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Re: MUR 5062

Dear Mr. Jordan:

I write on behalf of my client, Rolland Gonsalves, individually and dba Manzanillo Ranch. Please find enclosed a Statement of Designation of Counsel, signed by him. I write in response to your letter dated August 9, 2000, and received by Mr. Gonsalves on August 14, 2000, regarding a Complaint filed with your office by David Plouffe, Executive Director, Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee (hereinafter "DCCC").

The DCCC asserts my client has violated the Federal Election Campaign Act. This is not true. My client, a self-employed farmer, gave \$500.00 to the *Friends and Farmers for Rich Rodriguez for Congress Committee*, in support of a candidate he believes will work for a smaller and more efficient government. His contribution is within the limit for individuals. Manzanillo Ranch is not a corporation or a partnership. The DCCC has not provided any evidence to the contrary, and I believe the Complaint is frivolous, unsubstantiated, and completely without merit.

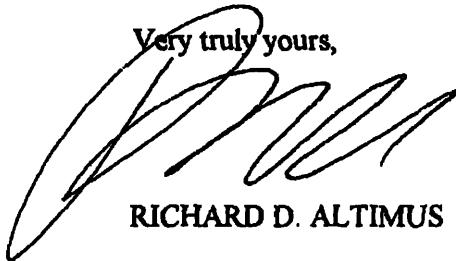
On or about April 10, 1995, a similar Complaint was filed by the Tulare County Democratic Central Committee and Calvin Dooley. That Complaint also alleged violation of the Federal Election Campaign Act. No action was taken against my client.

If any supplemental or amendment form should be completed and filed by Mr. Gonsalves, please forward the same. Otherwise, we will assume that nothing further need be done by my client, and we will ignore the DCCC's attempt to circumvent the integrity of the political process by false allegations intended only to draw attention from the issues of the campaign and discourage further contributions by law-abiding citizens seeking to exercise their rights.

Please be advised that should further action be taken against my client, I will vigorously and tenaciously pursue all rights and remedies available, including but not limited to a complaint for violation of his civil rights and DCCC's violation of California Business and Professions Code section 17200, et seq., which prohibits unfair, deceptive, and misleading business practices.

Thank you for your anticipated cooperation in reaching a satisfactory resolution to this matter.

Very truly yours,



RICHARD D. ALTIMUS

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cc: Rolland Gonsalves
Friends and Farmers for Rich Rodriguez for Congress Committee
Calvin Dooley
Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee, David Plouffe, Executive Director

STATEMENT OF DESIGNATION OF COUNSEL

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The above-named individual is hereby designated as my counsel
and is authorized to receive any notifications and other communications
from the Commission and to act on my behalf before the Commission.

Aug 14-2000
Date

Rolland Gonsalves *Rolland Gonsalves* dba Manzanillo Ranch
Signature

RESPONDENT'S NAME: Rolland Gonsalves
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