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Dear Investigator:

I am writing today regarding election law violations being committed by Congressman Chris Van Hollen. This is a formal later of complaint in writing that is required.

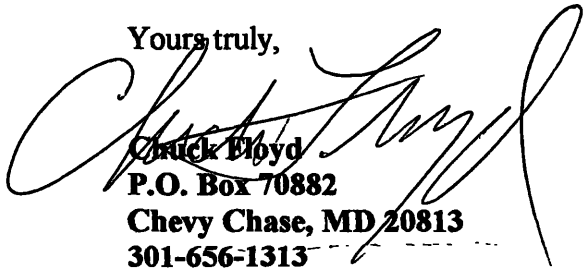
Van Hollen has used both his staff and the federal government's email system for campaign purposes. Enclosed you will find a copy of an email sent by his Congressional office to a reporter regarding the 2004 campaign.

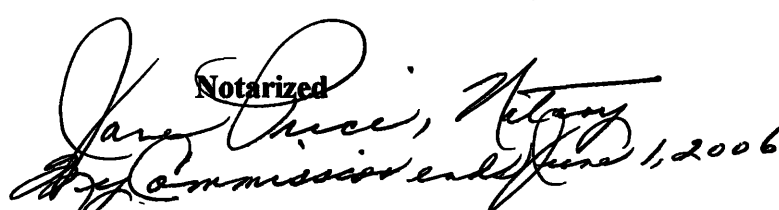
The email shows both that the Congressional staff member was discussing from Van Hollen's Congressional office and using their email system to campaign against me. Clearly, he is using federal tax dollars to promote his candidacy. It is my understanding that a candidate cannot accept a contribution, directly or indirectly, of federal tax dollars. Therefore, this assistance from his Congressional office would be an illegal donation to his campaign.

I would greatly appreciate it if the Federal Election Commission could investigate the matter and require the Congressman to abide by the laws that govern campaigning.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me at 301-656-1313.

Yours truly,


Chuck Floyd
P.O. Box 70882
Chevy Chase, MD 20813
301-656-1313

Notarized

Subscribed and sworn to before me on this
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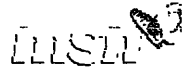
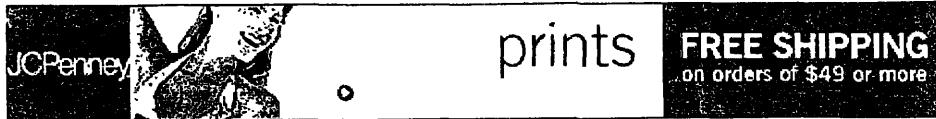
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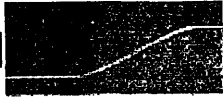
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Sent : Thursday, June 10, 2004 7:11 PM
To : <jwtuohy95@hotmail.com>
Subject : FW: Photo

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-----Original Message-----

From: Kleinman, Joan [mailto:Joan.Kleinman@mail.house.gov]
Sent: Thu 6/10/2004 3:00 PM
To: Dennis, Steve
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As we discussed.

Joan

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Van Hollen accuses Floyd of 'dirty tricks' in District 8 race

by **Steven T. Dennis**
Staff Writer

U.S. Rep Christopher Van Hollen Jr is accusing his challenger, retired Army Maj Charles R. "Chuck" Floyd, of running a "dirty tricks" campaign, including attempts to sabotage a May 24 town hall meeting in Silver Spring

Van Hollen (D-Dist. 8) of Kensington said he does not intend to debate Floyd (R) of Kensington until his campaign stops the mischief

"I believe that the tone of the campaign is set by the candidate," he said. "We want to see some signs that they are not going to continue to run a dirty tricks campaign."

Van Hollen said he had a list "a mile long" of slights, and described the town hall mischief

"They made crank calls to the [Gwendolyn] Coffield Community Center to try to persuade the community center that they had double-booked the room so they would cancel the meeting," he said. "At the event itself, they had lawn signs of ours that they actually had stolen from a fund-raising event that we had. They put the lawn signs up on the roads heading to the community center with the signs pointed in the wrong direction."

Some people got lost, Van

Hollen said.

Van Hollen aide Joan Kleinman said Floyd campaign manager John Tuohy accosted Van Hollen at an event at the Bethesda Library and was seen putting Floyd signs on top of Van Hollen bumper stickers on Van Hollen's car and other cars in the parking lot.

Kleinman e-mailed The Gazette a photo of Tuohy raising his middle finger at the photographer; in the foreground is a car with a Floyd sticker atop a Van Hollen sticker.

Tuohy said the Floyd campaign would never condone such tactics and denied participating in them. He confirmed that he is the man in the photo with his middle finger raised, saying that he was irked at the photographer. Tuohy said Van Hollen bumper stickers have been put on Floyd's car.

Tuohy said he wants to open a dialogue with the Van Hollen campaign on debates, but they have refused.

Van Hollen aired his complaints in response to Floyd's charge that the congressman is afraid to debate Floyd because he does not want to debate his record and would rather spend taxpayer money on town hall meetings.

"He has done nothing," Floyd charged in an interview at his fund-raiser last week in Gaithersburg.

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