



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20463

February 17, 2006

Ambassador Benson K. Whitney
American Embassy Oslo
PSC 69, Box 1000
APO AE 09707

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

Thank you for returning the completed "Commitment to Submit Matter to ADR Program" to this office. As previously noted, this case has been designated **ADR 307/PMUR 430** and should be referenced in all correspondence with the Commission.

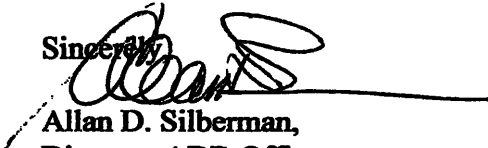
The first phase of the program is the negotiation stage. If someone other than yourself will be representing you in this matter, he or she will need to complete and return the enclosed "Designation of Counsel" form to this Office. That representative should have authority to engage in negotiations on your behalf and to settle the matter under discussion. The objective of the negotiations, during which I will represent the FEC, will be to achieve a mutually agreeable settlement of the issues while promoting compliance with the Act.

After you receive this letter, you or the designated representative should be in touch with this office to select a day and time for the negotiations. While we would welcome the opportunity to sit down to discuss this case, we are prepared to address this matter and work to resolve it over the phone. Please let us hear from you or your selective representative at your earliest convenience but no later than fifteen (15) days from receipt of this letter so we may concur in the day, time and place for our negotiations. However, given your presence out of the country we will wait to hear from you. The negotiations usually take less than an hour.

In the event that we are unable to resolve this matter, we will proceed by mutual agreement to Mediation. The Mediation process is described in the material that accompanied our initial letter. If we proceed to Mediation, we will submit 3 names from a list of 15 Mediators who were selected, based on their extensive experience in the private sector, to serve on a panel especially prepared to handle FECA disputes. To assist in selecting the Mediator for your case, the names of the panel members will be accompanied by brief biographical sketches. While the Mediators are prepared to assist us in resolving this matter, they neither have the authority nor inclination to resolve it for us. That is a matter entirely in our hands.

If you have any questions about the ADR program or the negotiations please be in touch. In the meantime, I look forward to hearing from you and concluding this matter expeditiously.

Sincerely,


Allan D. Silberman,
Director, ADR Office

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