



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20463

April 6, 2006

Ambassador Benson K. Whitney
American Embassy Oslo
PSC 69, Box 1000
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Re: ADR 307/PMUR 430

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

I am writing as a follow-up to our letter of February 17, 2006 which acknowledged receipt of the ADR Commitment Form that you returned to this Office. In the aforementioned letter, I indicated that the next step in the ADR process was the selection of a time and date for the subsequent discussions. I asked that you be in touch with this Office within 15 days to identify when it would be convenient to commence discussions aimed at concluding this matter. That same letter noted, "However, given your presence out of the country we will wait to hear from you."

My letter of February 17, 2006 advised that "while we would welcome the opportunity to sit down and discuss this case, we are prepared to address this matter and work to resolve it over the phone." The latter letter also advised that negotiations usually take less than an hour.

We are eager to conclude this matter and suggest that if you are unavailable to address this matter in the coming weeks, you may want to consider identifying an individual to represent you in the negotiations with the FEC. If someone other than yourself will be representing you in this matter, he or she will need to complete and return to this Office a "Designation of Counsel" form. A copy of the latter form was enclosed with my letter of February 17, 2006. At your request, a copy of that form can be forwarded to your selected representative.

One of the central goals of the Commission's ADR program is to expedite the processing of cases. The timely handling of matters submitted to ADR is critical to the effectiveness of the program and a goal to which the Office is committed.

I look forward to hearing from you. In the meantime, if you have any questions about this matter or the procedures for concluding it, please let me know.

Sincerely,


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Director, ADR Office

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