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RE: AOR 1976-16

Mr. John D. Lynch, Treasurer  
Noel for Senator  
602 Tollgate Road  
Warwick, Rhode Island 02886

Re: MUR 211 (76)

Dear Mr. Lynch:

This letter is to advise you that the Federal Election Commission has received a complaint against the Noel for Senator committee alleging violations of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended (the Act). A copy of the complaint is enclosed.

The Commission has authorized a preliminary inquiry into these allegations to determine what action, if any, it should take. The Commission has made no determination that the matters alleged set forth a violation of the Act. I invite you to submit any factual or legal matters which you believe are relevant to the Commission's analysis of the allegations. Essential questions which should be addressed are the date the political committee received contributions or made expenditures aggregating in excess of \$1,000 or anticipated such activity or its date of organization; and the committee's involvement, if any, in the March 4, 1975 and December 4, 1975 fundraisers. The Commission must consider such matters within ten days after receipt of this letter. Where appropriate, information should be submitted under oath by individuals with personal knowledge of the matters herein.

The Commission has determined not to issue the advisory opinion you requested on April 10, 1976 until the resolution of this matter since the request relates to the funds which are the subject of this complaint. This matter will remain confidential unless you indicate in writing to the Commission that you wish to be made public. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact my office. The attorney assigned to this case is Gloria R. Sulton (telephone no. 202/382-4041).

Sincerely yours,

Sig. of John G. Murphy, Jr.

John G. Murphy, Jr.  
General Counsel



Enclosure: Copy of complaint

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