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Honorable John J. McFall
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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Dear Mr. McFall:

This is in response to your request for a letter responsive to the allegations set forth in the letter and exhibits forwarded to you by Mr. Howard L. Gifford of Patterson, California.

The complaint filed with the Federal Election Commission, by Mr. Gifford has been closed by the Commission.

Sincerely yours,

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Andrew Athy, Jr.
Attorney

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September 4, 1976

Congressman John J. McFall
2346 Rayburn House Office Bldg.
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman McFall:

Your paragraph three of letter dated September 2, 1976 states to feel free to contact you re matters involving the Federal Government.

The Federal Elections Commission was notified the night of the primary election (June 8, 1976) that a complaint would be forthcoming regarding the Media, State of California Secretary of State, breaking the Federal Election Campaign Law of 1971 as amended Rights protected by Section 3-4 of the Constitution, Article 9, 14, 17 of the Bill of Rights as well as other Election Codes.

I believe a complaint to the Federal Elections Commission is a proceeding in which the law requires that a hearing be given, evidence is required to be taken and discretion in the determination of facts is vested in the Commission.

Yet this case was given a case number. Before the facts were noted and the evidence provided, the General Council to the Commission closed the case. See the attached letter from William Oldaker, undated, Mr. Murphy's letter was unsigned.

A Writ of Certiorari will be filed with the proper court regarding this matter.

Congress has unconstitutionally given the powers of Congress into the keeping of a series of bureaucracies who are ignoring the Rights Retained By The People. You may say this is a matter for the courts, but it is of your making, you the members of Congress.

I have been denied the rights allowed to me under the laws and Constitution of the United States of America. The F.E.C. is setting a precedence for this procedure right now. The F.C.C. has already done so regarding the Election Laws.

What are you going to do about it as my representative in Congress ...? If our laws are not enforced; we have no United States of America and the precedence for breaking the Constitution has been set.

Sincerely,

Howard L. Gifford

Howard L. Gifford
425 H Street
Patterson, Ca. 95363

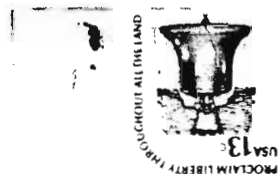
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Federal Elections Commission
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ATTN: Vernon Thompson, Chairman



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1325 K STREET N.W.
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

Mr. Howard L. "Chips" Gifford
425 H Street
Patterson, CA 95363

Re: MUR 163 (76)

Dear Mr. Gifford:

This is in response to your letter of August 17, 1976 to Vernon Thomson Chairman of the Federal Election Commission. Your letter provides information relating to matters set forth in MUR 163 (76). As stated in the July 9, 1976 letter to you from John G. Murphy, General Counsel to the Commission, MUR 163 (76) has been closed.

Sincerely yours,

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William Oldaker
Assistant General Counsel



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August 17, 1976

Federal Elections Commission
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RE: MUR 163 (76)
Primary Election U.S. Senate 1976, Calif.

ATTN: Vernon Thompson, Chairman

Dear Mr. Thompson:

The proposed claim as amended of Howard L. Gifford vs. the State of California - No. 52179 came on for hearing, before the State Board of Control as scheduled, August 17, 1976 in Room 587, Office Bldg. 1, 915 Capitol Mall, Sacramento, Calif., at 9:00 A.M.

The Attorney General's Office acknowledged said claim to be in excess of \$1 million dollars; the exact amount being \$1,004,445.35, plus costs and interest at 6% per annum.

The Attorney General's Office further denied said claim and that denial was based upon the recommendation of the Attorney General that said claim be denied in order to allow claimant, Howard L. Gifford, access to the courts.

Claimant Howard L. Gifford appearing on his own behalf referred the discretion of said Attorney General's claim denial, to the Board of Control, not on any merits of the claim but solely upon the recommendation of the Attorney General, to allow for direct access of said claim to proceed to the courts.

The State Board of Control accepted the recommendations of the Attorney General's Office, denied said claim without a hearing, allowing said claim to proceed out of their jurisdiction and under the direction of the courts for and in the amount of \$1,004,445.35 plus costs and interest.

A complaint will be filed in the Superior Court in the amount of \$1,004,445.35 as soon as same can be drafted. This concerns only the claim against the Secretary of State - State of California. It does not concern the claim filed with the Federal Elections Commission.

Nothing concerning the merits of said claim was heard by the State Board of Control; nothing was decided except said claim be denied in order to proceed into the courts by the recommendation of the Attorney General's Office.

Sincerely,

Howard L. Gifford

Howard L. "Chips" Gifford

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State Board of Control
State Attorney General
Attorney Peter Stromer

5 Candidates for U. S. Senate - Lois Bodle, Michael Hirt, Ronald Williams, Clyde Tracy,
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Los Angeles Times
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August 5, 1976

Federal Election Commission
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Washington, D.C. 20463

RE: Complaint MUR 163 (76)

To Whom It May Concern:

You are instructed to incorporate the attached following into the complaint already on file in your office.

Sincerely,

HLG/b

Howard L. Gifford

Howard L. "Chips" Gifford
425 H Street
Patterson, Ca. 95363

Attached:

The August 5, 1976 Brief In Support Of The Proposed Claim of HOWARD L. GIFFORD vs.
State of California No. 52179

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Howard L. "Chips" Gifford
1976 Primary Candidate, office of U. S. Senate
425 H Street
Patterson, Ca. 95363
Phone: (209) 892-3272

August 5, 1976

State Board of Control
926 J Street, Suite 300
Sacramento, Ca. 95814

and

Federal Election Commission
1325 K Street N. W.
Washington, D.C. 20463

RE: Brief in support of the proposed claim of
HOWARD L. GIFFORD vs. State of California
No. 52179

Dear Sirs:

PART I

Complaint upon the actions of the State Legislature in passing Election Code 6552 (A) requiring 2% of the first year salary for the office of U. S. Senator candidates as filing fees and/or in particular section 6555, petitions in lieu of filing fees have already been submitted to the Secretary of State, March Fong Eu; Attorney General, Evelle Younger; to Assembly Speaker, Leo McCarthy; and as well to the California State Board of Control.

The petitions in lieu of filing fee are actually in fact not an in lieu of, but proven as more than is required. The conservative figure for those who supplied 10,000 signatures as required in S. 6555 (3) was at minimal four times the cost of the filing fee which was set at \$892.50.

The filing fee for Howard L. "Chips" Gifford was paid under protest.

I submit here Exhibit No. 1. Protest acknowledgement by Mervin M. Mattos, Supervisor of Elections, Stanislaus County, California, dated February 17, 1976.

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STEVE R. NELSON, COUNTY CLERK RECORDER
MERVIN M. MATTOS, SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

This is to certify that Howard L. "Chips" Gifford has this date paid, under protest, his filing fee as candidate for nomination as the Democratic Party's candidate for the United States Senate. His filing fee was paid by two certified checks made payable to Secretary of State-March Fong Eu, check #31000549 in the sum of \$850.00 and check #25002115 in the sum of \$42.50.

February 17, 1976



R. NELSON, County Clerk

Mervin M. Mattos
M. Mattos
Supervisor of Elections

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The filing fee and the in lieu of filing fee, usurp the fundamental laws of the Nation, the basic rights of every American to run for political office, here being for the office of the United States Senate.

Section 3, The Senate (Constitution) Election, simply states: "The Senate of the United States shall be composed of two Senators from each state, for six years; and each Senator shall have one vote."

The necessary qualifications are only stated as being

1. Candidates must be 30 years of age.
2. Candidates must be at least 9 years a citizen of the United States.
3. Candidates must be a habitant in the state in which he was chosen.

Section 4, states that the times, places and manner of holding elections for Senators shall be prescribed in each state by the legislature thereof and may at any time be changed by the congress.

Our research clarifies that the time, meant the day of election places, meant the voting places and manner, meant the conduct and behavior of the election.

Section 10. Forbidden State Powers states: "No state shall pass a law impairing the obligation of contracts" Articles as of the Bill Of Rights is a contract, a stipulation in a document, a distinct often numbered section of a writing is a contract, such as Section 10 is itself Therefore the states are forbidden to pass a law impairing the obligation of these contracts, allowing for the candidacy and the running for office of anyone who is, 30 years of age, 9 years a U. S. citizen and living in the state for which one seeks political office.

To set a filing fee too high, or to even set a filing fee for that matter, or to set an in lieu of filing fee amounting to a cost of four times the filing fee is certainly to impair candidacy for many seeking the office of the U. S. Senate; as allowed in Sections 3 and 4 of the Constitution and Articles 9, 14 and 17 of the Amendments.

Article 1 of course, of the Bill of Rights, allows us to petition the government for a redress or grievance such as we have here But as well Article 14 allows that no state can deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws

The law here is that anyone age 30, 9 years a citizen and a habitant of the state, can run for office of the United States Senate and that no state can impair that

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right, for that is a forbidden state power under Section 10 of the Constitution of the United States of America.

Article 14 further states: "No state shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the privileges or immunities of citizens of the United States "

Section 3 and 4, Articles 14, 17; Article 17 stating: "The Senate of the United States shall be composed of two senators from each state, elected by the PEOPLE thereof, for 6 years."

State Section 6552 filing fees of an amount of \$892.50 and S. 6555 requiring 10,000 signatures abridge the privilege of campaigning for this office for many Americans, yet Article 14 states no state can deny any person within its jurisdiction the EQUAL protection of the laws.

State Election Codes 6552 - 6555 state only those paying a filing fee of \$892.50 or filing a petition with 10,000 signatures at a cost of 4 times the filing fee will be allowed to run for office You are openly defying the EQUAL protection clause in Article 14

But what is even more important is that you are openly defying Article 9, Rights Retained By The People which states: "The enumeration in the Constitution of certain rights, shall not be construed to deny or disparage others retained by the people."

I retain the right to run for the office of the U. S. Senate as one of the people and I cannot be denied or disparaged in this right.

The only qualifications laid out by Congress is that I be 30 years of age, a citizen of the U. S. for 9 years and a habitant of the state in which I run for said office and I passed all of these qualifications. Any other rules both deny and disparage me from this right.

Simply put, I am a pauper, an indigent. I draw pensions that have financially lowered me into the bracket of being listed as below poverty level. To expect \$892.50 or four times \$892.50 is to deny and disparage me in this right. I have borrowed the \$892.50 that was used for the filing fee and still owe this amount. Nothing in the Federal Rules states I have to be put into this predicament or obligation to simply gain my right to run for this political office. In fact the Constitution makes this fact clear and forbids any state to abridge, impair, deny or disparage me this right.

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Now let's examine the acts of the Secretary of State as she and/or her agents abided by State Elections Codes even though I have and do declare such codes unconstitutional and even the acts of one in the California Assembly on the Elections Committee.

Section 6555 (B) Petitions in lieu of filing fees - "Such forms shall be made available commencing 30 days before the first day for circulating nomination papers "

Exhibit #2 - Letter from the office of the Secretary of State, dated October 9, 1975, by Edward Arnold Jr., Elections Division.

What the state requirements were to be

Exhibit attached

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Office of the Secretary of State
March Fong Eu

111 Capitol Mall
Sacramento, California 95814

Executive Office	(916) 445-6371
Certification	(916) 445-1430
Corporation Index	(916) 445-2900
Corporation Records	(916) 445-1768
Election Division	(916) 445-0820
Legal Division (Corp.)	(916) 445-0620
Notary Public Division	(916) 445-6507
State Archives	(916) 445-4293
Uniform Commercial Code	(916) 445-8061

October 9, 1975

Mr. Howard L. Gifford
P.O. Box 1275
Patterson, California 95363

Dear Mr. Gifford:

Your letter of October 3, 1975, asks for the alternatives to the filing fee to run for the United States Senate.

Enclosed is a copy of Elections Code Sections 6552 and 6555. These sections are those pertaining to the filing fee requirement currently in effect in California.

The required filing fee for the office of United States Senator is presently \$850 based upon an annual salary of \$42,500. Elections Code Section 6552(a) prescribes that the filing fee be set at two percent of the first year salary.

Should you wish, for whatever reason, to not pay any portion of the filing fee, you will be required under Elections Code Section 6555(a)(3), and (b)(1) to submit along with your candidacy papers to the Democratic nomination for United States Senator a petition containing 10,000 signatures of registered Democratic voters.

Should you wish to pay part of the filing fee and to submit signatures for the remaining part of the filing fee, you should figure the pro rata value of each signature at \$.035 (3.5 cents) per signature. Should

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you desire to run for any office other than United States Senator, you can determine the value of the pro rata portion of the filing fee by dividing the filing fee by the number of signatures required. That is $\$850 \div 10,000$ signatures equals \$.085/signature.

If you require further assistance or clarification regarding this matter, Mr. Mattos in the Stanislaus County Registration and Elections Department should be able to help you.

Sincerely,

William H. Durley
Assistant to the Secretary of State
Elections and Political Reform

Edward Arnold Jr.
Edward Arnold Jr.
Elections Division

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Exhibit #3 - Letter from Merv Mattos, Supervisor of Elections, Stanislaus County, dated October 7, 1975.

Exhibit attached

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MERVIN M. MATTOS, SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS

OCTOBER 7, 1975

MR. HOWARD L. GIFFORD
P. O. Box 1875
PATTERSON, CAL. 95365

DEAR MR. GIFFORD:

I HAVE RECEIVED YOUR LETTER OF OCTOBER 6RD,
AND WISH TO STATE, THAT UNLESS THERE IS A CHANGE IN
THE LAW, I AM SORRY BY THE LACK OF THE ELECTIONS
CODE, OF WHICH I AM ENCLAVING A COPY.

FOR INFORMATION, CALLER THE SECRETARY OF
STATE'S OFFICE AND THE CHIEF OF STATE POLICE WOULD CONF
UNDER PARAGRAPH 7, ITEM 7 OF SECTION 1155.

YOURS TRULY,

STEVE R. NELSON, COUNTY CLERK

Mervin M. Mattos
MERVIN M. MATTOS
SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS

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Exhibit #4 - Letter from Merv Mattos, Supervisor of Elections, Stanislaus County, dated December 23, 1975.

Exhibit attached

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STEVE R. NELSON, COUNTY CLERK-RECORDER
MERVIN M. MATTON, SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS

DECEMBER 23, 1975

MR. HOWARD L. GIFFORD
P. O. BOX 1275
PATTERSON, CALIFORNIA

DEAR MR. GIFFORD:

WE WANT TO CALL TO YOUR ATTENTION THAT, AS
OUR OFFICE IS CLOSED ON SATURDAY AND SUNDAY, THE
FIRST DAY THAT WE WILL ISSUE THE FORMS FOR OBTAINING
SIGNATURES IN LIEU OF PAYING FILING FEES WILL BE
MONDAY, JANUARY 19, 1976.

YOURS TRULY,

STEVE R. NELSON, COUNTY CLERK

By Merv. Matton
MERVIN M. MATTON
SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS

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Now in Exhibit #4 Merv Mattos has broken the Elections Code S 6555 (B) deliberate, calculated and issued instead his own rules for this code

Mr. Mattos will not allow the 30 days as was/is required but Mr. Mattos will instead cut this period of time to 28 days. He has decided Saturday and Sunday do not apply in his case, so he will circumvent this Election Code.

As we are all aware, the 58 California County Clerks and/or Registrars of Voters and/or the County Supervisors of Elections are in fact AGENTS of the Secretary of State who oversees the California elections

Next let's examine the official letter from California Assemblyman Tom Bane Note that Mr. Bane is on the committee for Elections and Reapportionment and that the letter is official, being written on office stationary.

Exhibit attached

Exhibit #5

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OFFICE OF GENERAL COUNSEL

SACRAMENTO ADDRESS
STATE CAPITOL
SACRAMENTO 95814

DISTRICT OFFICE
5430 VAN NUYS BLVD.
SUITE 208
VAN NUYS, CA 91401

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Assembly California Legislature

TOM BANE
ASSEMBLYMAN, FORTIETH DISTRICT

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March 28, 1975

Mr. Howard L. Gifford
Candidate for U.S. Senate
P.O. Box 1275
Patterson, Ca. 95363

Dear Mr. Gifford:

You asked to hear from me and I will correspond with you only once.

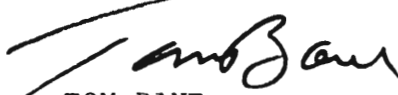
After reading your tripe, one might think I would be furious, -I am not. I was so disgusted that I would have thrown it away until I read your request to hear from me.

Being that we have open elections, we must put up with people like you and campaigns like yours.

It is junk such as yours that turns voters off. I hope you go away before election, because if you don't, you will fade into ignominy afterwards.

I have one prayer -- Please God, save us from candidates like you.

Cordially,


TOM BANE

"Every American has the right to become involved in politics -- The professional politician is out of touch with the issues that effect and concern the people."

Ellen McCormack

"The professional politicians have been making a great many mistakes -- I should not be disqualified just because I have not been making those mistakes for the last 20 years."

Ellen McCormack

I did not ask to personally hear from Mr. Bane. Mr. Bane took this matter upon himself.

This letter is offending It is especially so since it came from an Assemblyman who sits on the State Committee For Elections.

Obviously the attached remarks of Ellen McCormack certainly must apply here. But what is especially important here is the threat in paragraph four of Mr. Bane's letter.

"I hope you go away before election, because if you don't, you will fade into ignominy afterwards."

Assemblyman Bane is both threatening and impairing my right to run for office simply because he disagreed with me and my campaign OFFICIALLY.

I, like Ms. McCormack, demand to know why I should be disqualified, threatened, impaired, denied, disparaged and/or otherwise hindered simply because I have not been making the same mistakes the professional politician has for the past 20 years and more. The 1902 Reclamation Act has been broken for 74 years and there are the illegal kickbacks, the Mexican Border scandals and the Summers Tapes suppressed by Congress.

The fact is that I was such a threat to the re-election of Senator John V. Tunney, having received approximately 400,000 votes for that office in 1974 that the professional politicians pressured the Press-Media on who the viable candidates would be and those are then, the only ones who get coverage. Mr. Bane pressured here and impaired my campaign with the Media.

As well, the blame must also fall on Federal and State Election Laws stated herein to be unconstitutional that prop up the restrictive framework of two party politics and/or help to cement incumbents into office; all being unconstitutional.

As T.V. News Watch's Kevin Phillips has stated: "The Television empires are like oil companies or labor unions; the only way to make them fair, it often seems, is to make their power (and their frequent abuse of it) a recurring national issue."

It is the present fixed limited choice of unappealing candidates that is causing so called voter apathy, not my candidacy as Assemblyman Bane attempted to lay the blame on.

The three television networks and the press they all make the quasi - intellectual decisions on how they're going to cover campaigns and as you watch the evening news on the three networks you see the same thing on each There are

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a relatively small number of people who decide what is news in this country Agnew was right They're all so alike they might as well put the news together The press made the decision that Article 9 says; is the right held by the people and when the press made their decisions they refused coverage to all the other candidates They openly deny and disparage the rights held by the people. The Press - Media openly defies Article 17 wherein it states that Senators will be elected by the PEOPLE How then can the Press - Media ignore all candidacies or any candidacy at will when the Press - Media is a public conveyance of the news.

Either the Press - Media must cover all candidacies or they must cover none. Freedom of the press cannot usurp Article 9, Rights Held By The People. The press has a legal limit; for example; they may not slander or libel without recourse Neither may they deny or disparage political candidacy then without facing legal recourse of the candidate; for right along with Freedom Of The Press in Article 1 is the right of the people to petition the government for a redress of grievance.

This democracy was set up with weight and balances when certain people or the Press - Media put themselves above the laws of the land, someone suffers This counter balance of insisting that the fundamental laws of the Nation and basic rights of Americans as herein stated; said sections articles, contracts must be lived up to to insure EQUAL RIGHTS as is every American's RIGHT guaranteed to them.

At this point I will incorporate into this Brief the Complaint to the Federal Elections Commission. The Federal Elections Commission are in receipt of their copies already.

I will as well incorporate the letter to the Secretary of State, dated July 26, 1976 in which we demand that the dispersment of party contributor funds as allowed in State Code Section 10010.5 be accounted for and be FROZEN until this matter is settled.

Exhibit attached Exhibit #6

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July 26, 1976

Secretary of State March Fong Eu
111 Capitol Mall
Sacramento, Ca. 95814

Dear Secretary Eu:

As you are aware, the legalities concerning the 1976 primary race for the office of the United States Senate have been and are being challenged.

The Federal Elections Commission has an 11 page in total complaint filed, whereas the Federal Elections Campaign Law of 1971 as amended, Articles 9-14-17 of the Bill Of Rights, State Elections Codes 10007-9; SS 6580, 6580.5, 6658; Sections 3, 4 and 9 of the Constitution have all been breached. As such the remedy is to nullify said election and/or the complaining candidates will institute a class action law suit for damages in the amount of \$5 million dollars per candidate. There are, as you know, 6 complaining candidates, 4 Democrats, 2 Republicans. The filing fees and campaign expenditures are being or have been requested returned by filling forms B/C 1A and B/C 1B with the California Board of Control, but this is only the primary request in conjunction with the request of nullifying said election. If said election is not nullified the demand for damages will then be filed with the State and Federal Courts.

This brings into question, Election Code 10010.5, the dispersing of party contributor funds. The 58 County Clerks are your Agents. The nominations of both Senator Turney and Mr. Hayakawa are being legally challenged as is in fact the entire U. S. Senate primary race of June 8, 1976 here in California.

We are requesting that said disbursement of these funds be FROZEN for the present time as we do not believe these two people are/or shall remain legitimate bona fide nominees of their respected parties. This race was never conceded to any nominees.

The matter will be brought before the courts before November 2, 1976 if said matter is not soon nullified. If the Federal Regulatory Agencies nullify said election you shall have no other choice in the matter as we understand the laws, the Federal having precedence.

Sincerely,

Chips Gifford

H. L. "Chips" Gifford
DUB Spokesman-Chairman 1976
425 K Street
Patterson, Ca. 95363
Phone: (209) 892-3272

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cc:

Complaining Candidates U.S. Senate 1976, California
Evelle Younger, Attorney General, California
Federal Elections Commission, Washington, D.C.
Attorney General, Washington, D.C.

There have been more than enough breaches in the Elections Codes both State and Federal to nullify the primary election of 1976 for the office of the United States Senate in California.

If same is not nullified, if filing fees and expenditures are not refunded, a legal action will be filed in the proper courts for these matters and the matters of damages in the amount of \$5 million dollars per candidate. \$4 million dollars damages against Press - Media etc. and of which \$1 million dollars shall be filed and can be CONSIDERED to be a part of the individual candidate damages in this proposed claim against the Secretary of State and her agents for their part in the circumvention of the laws as were perpetrated in the primary election for the office of the U. S. Senate held here in California on June 8, 1976.

DATED: August 5, 1976

SIGNED: Howard L. Gifford
HOWARD L. "CHIPS" GIFFORD

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MAVERICK '76

GIFFORD
DEMOCRAT CANDIDATE
U. S. SENATE

California '76

H.L. "Chips" Gifford
425 H Street
Patterson, Ca. 95363

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Washington, D.C. 20463

RE: MUR 163(76)

ATTN: John G. Murphy, Jr.
General Counsel

FEC CORRESPONDENCE
CONTROL # 76-1107

Dear Mr. Murphy:

As stated 14 July 1976 full details are to follow. Herein is only a brief statement. Do not misinterpret this as the full details

First what we are talking about is California politics. The part that Associated Press and the NBC-T.V. played in programming the U. S. Senate Primary 9 days before the election and using this T.V. pool to put out the pre-programmed results via ABC-CBS as partners in this T.V. pool. The smaller studios could only get this reporting and this reporting only because it was all that was coming in. California did a job on us here, we that ran for the office of U. S. Senate.

I have a letter here on official stationary and envelop from California Assemblyman Tom Bane, of the 40th District. Assemblyman Bane is on the committee for Elections and Reapportionment; letter dated March 28, 1975. Mr. Bane states officially "I hope you go away before election, because if you don't, you will fade into ignominy afterwards."

Why was that statement made ... ? Because I refused to conform to the Cranston political machine, the power block here in California. That block consists of political leaders

Senator Alan Cranston
Governor Edmund Brown, Jr.
Secretary of State March Fong Eu
Assemblyman Willie Brown, Jr.
Congresswoman Burke
Congressman Glen Anderson
Frank Damrell
Bishop H. H. Brookins
Reverend Thomas Kilgore
Herman Sillas
Helen Greenberg
Wally Albertson
Mayor Tom Bradley
Ceasar Chavez

Senator John Tunney
Ex-Governor Edmund Brown, Sr.
Assemblyman Tom Bane
Assemblyman John Thurman
Congressman James Corman
Congressman Ed Roybal
Priscilla Chaplin
Reverend James E. Jones
Rabbi Albert Lewis
Lawrence Weinberg
Irene Slater
Mayor George Moscone
Mayor Doris Davis
Richard Rhodda

and many many others

Every major issue that I have taken has won at the polls It cannot be my stand on the issues. I even worked for Jimmy Carter early 1975 to date and he won, but not in California until this bunch was defeated.

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California politicians are out of step with the Nation. Its governor is out of step in his rush for power It's here that the Media does its dirty work. Only certain in-group candidates are reported on. Only certain in-group candidates are pushed on the Media in violation to the very Bill of Rights

First, who were the in-group candidates here? They were Senator John Tunney (D), Tom Hayden (D), Robert H. (Bob) Finch (R), John L. Harmer (R), S. I. (Sam) Hayakawa (R), Alphonzo (Al) Bell (R). These were classified as MAJOR CANDIDATES by the Media and treated as such.

The rest; Frank L. Thomas (D), Les Craven (D), Ronald L. Williams (D), Bob Wallach (D), Millard Fillmore Slover (D), Lois Tyner Bodle (D), Howard L. "Chips" Gifford (D), Clyde F. Tracy (R), James A. Ware (R), Michael A. Hirt (R), Henry Hill (R), Walter Hollywood (R), Hannibal Caesar Burchette V (R), these were classified as MINOR CANDIDATES by the Media and treated as such.

I refer you to Article 9 The Bill of Rights The enumeration in the Constitution of certain rights, shall not be construed to deny or disparage others retained by the people. This is the people's "elastic clause".

The basic freedoms in Article 1 of the Bill of Rights does not give freedom of speech, or of the Press the right to deny me or disparage me from the right to run for political office, this right is certainly retained by the people.

Let's examine the word DENY to deny is to (A) disclaim connection with or responsibility for ... (B) to give a negative answer to ... (C) to refuse to grant ... (D) to refuse to accept the existence, truth, or validity of ... (E) CONTRADICT, NEGATE, IMPUGN, CONTRAVENE.

Were 13 of the above U. S. Senatorial Candidates DENIED by the actions of Associated Press-NBC-T.V. in their rights to run for the office of U. S. Senate, a right held by the people regardless of how many times freedom of speech or Press is enumerated in the Constitution.

Did A.P. and NBC-T.V. CONTRADICT ? The reply is YES They resisted and opposed the chances of these 13 candidates openly to the California public in their reporting. That is to DENY To label one a lesser candidate, a minor candidate and/or an 'also ran' is to deny, to resist, to oppose.

Did A.P. and NBC-T.V. NEGATE ? The reply is YES They caused the chances of the 13 candidates to be ineffective by NOT allowing equal time. To deliberately misuse the 4 "elastic news clauses" the F.C.C. allowed them by Court or Congress, only by Section 8 of the Constitution; is to DENY NBC-T.V. stated they would hide behind these 4 rules and we could do whatever we wanted to and that they did not give a damn.

Did A.P. and NBC-T.V., IMPUGN The reply is YES they certainly assailed the 13 candidates by words and arguments as their candidacy's lacking in integrity, that is to say the soundness of one's campaign, to classify one as a minor-lesser candidate is to challenge the integrity-soundness of one's campaign.

Did A.P. and NBC-T.V., CONTRAVENE The reply is YES They certainly acted contrary to and opposed in argument the chances of these 13 candidates to run for office they didn't even recognize us.

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To deny is to contradict, to negate, to impugn and to contravene and A.P. and NBC-T.V. did all of these By refusing equal time, by the coverage of the Tunney-Hayden debate and/or question and answer so called news broadcast. If that matter was newsworthy then so was the statement in writing by Senator John Tunney's Deputy Campaign Director, Stephen Chrystie, quote:

April 3, 1976

Dear Mr. Hayden:

Yesterday Bill Zimmerman, your campaign manager, and your wife spoke to Senator Tunney regarding his suggestion (by letter to you of March 31st) that all the Democratic Senatorial candidates arrange a televised joint appearance for a discussion of the issues in this campaign.

In that conversation your campaign manager and your wife indicated that you consider a joint appearance of all Democratic candidates to be unacceptable because, in your view, you are the only "serious" challenger for Senator Tunney's seat. As the Senator has explained on several occasions, we do not feel that it is our place to pre-determine for the voters of California who are the "serious" candidates. Therefore, we do not feel it is democratic or appropriate to select one candidate out of a field of nine for a debate of the issues.

By copy of this letter I am notifying the other Democratic candidates of your decision to reject our proposal and not join in our debate. We regret that you were unwilling to consider our proposal.

(Signed) Stephen Chrystie
Deputy Campaign Director

Now the Senator (Tunney) knows Section 9 of the Bill of Rights he knows to select one candidate out of a Democratic field of 9 candidates is to pre-determine for the voters of California who are the "serious" candidates because he has said so. That is to DENY the rest.

Now we have a conspiracy We have A.P.-NBC-T.V. and Tunney-Hayden knowingly participating in a broadcast that they all know will pre-determine for the voters of California the "serious" candidates for the office of the U. S. Senate, California.

Here we have only covered so far a simple part of the word DENY; that the people have retained the control of in rights retained by the people but then this is only a brief statement.

Let's look at the other word DISPARAGE; another right of control held by the people in Article 9. Disparage to lower in rank or reputation DEGRADE to depreciate by indirect means - about to depreciate officially or publically BELITTLE, MINIMIZE to give a lower opinion of

Section 4; Article 14; Article 17 of Constitution give me the undisputable right to run for office of the U. S. Senate The first ten amendments to the Constitution guarantee to the people a number of rights and freedoms with which the national government cannot interfere. Nor can the Media deny or disparage rights retained by the people. The English language has been catalogued into dictionaries and the meaning defined. It is on that basis the Sections and Articles of the Constitution herein have been interpreted. The Supreme Court when determining the Constitutionality of laws is a right that has been much disputed. It is my stand no one can take away from me people's rights retained, Article 9, Bill of Rights.

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Article 9 protects me from being denied this right and to be an equal candidate in all ways A.P.-NBC-T.V. and/or the Press in general, or NO ONE ELSE can take that right from me so it says in Article 9, we the people hold this right

As a candidate I can not be lowered in reputation, comparison, spoken slightly about or be officially or publically belittled as a minimal, minor or lesser candidate.

Yet the Secretary of State, California, March Fong Eu, has broken Election Codes SS 6580, 6580.5, 6658 and 10009. Complaint is filed with the California Board of Control

The radio station in Oakland, California, KDIA, offers 1 rebuttal to 18 broadcast endorsements of John Tunney for U. S. Senate.

The Sam Yorty Talk Show refused equal time as did Merv Griffin and the Dinah Shore Talk Shows. It was after this that \$85,000.00 in campaign promises were withdrawn to me.

Everywhere thereafter I campaigned it was with the Media stamp (intentional) as a MINOR, LESSOR, MINIMAL, etc. etc. candidate I had Connie Friend Associates standing by ready to aid my campaign and was left with withdrawn funding.

If this primary for U. S. Senate was to be nullified and re-run it is very possible that the outcome would drastically change if the Media and the incumbent are not allowed to pre-determine the outcome in the reporting.

Under Federal Rules - State Rules as stated above this primary election should be nullified.

If this primary election is allowed to stand the State of California has given way to the free election status for the people and taken on instead, the Media appointment pre-determined election stand controlled by power and/or MONEY.

The Election Codes, Rules and/or laws are then laid by the wayside.

Thank You.

Sincerely,

Howard L. Chips Gifford

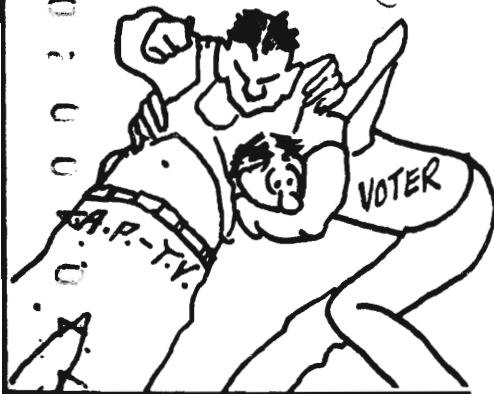
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Howard L. "Chips" Gifford
California 1976 primary candidate for office
of the U. S. Senate
425 H Street
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Phone: (209) 892-3272

cc:

United States Attorney General
Washington, D.C.

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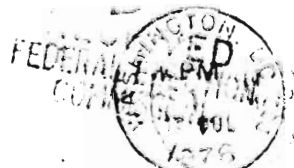
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H. L. "Chips" Gifford, DUB Chairman

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ATTN: John G. Murphy, Jr.
General Counsel

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9 JUL 1976

Howard L. "Chips" Gifford
P.O. Box 1275
Patterson, CA 95363

(Please use 425 H Street in addressing)

Re: MUR 163(76)

Dear Mr. Gifford:

This is in response to your letter of June 9, 1976 alleging that the Associated Press and various other parties have committed violations of the Federal Election Campaign Law of 1971, as amended (the Act). I have reviewed your allegations and have concluded that they do not furnish reason to believe that the Act has been violated. Accordingly, upon my recommendation the Commission has decided to close its files in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

John G. Murphy, Jr.
General Counsel

14 July 1976

Dear Mr. Murphy:

You were told in the mailgram, 9 June 1976, that full details were to follow. Your letter dated 9 July 1976, just one month later, states you, like President Ford (re Mr. Nixon), are closing the files before the charges come in. You were simply notified immediately. You have now made a conclusion on just the notification without waiting for the particulars regarding the charges of which we are at this very moment compiling. Further you don't even have the courtesy to sign your own letter of 9 July 1976. We shall simply state in the federal class action suit that your office refuses to cooperate; but were notified, as you were.

CC: Vice President Nelson Rockefeller
Attorney General Washington, D.C.
Jimmy Carter
California U.S. Senate primary candidates

Sincerely,

Chips Gifford
425 H St.
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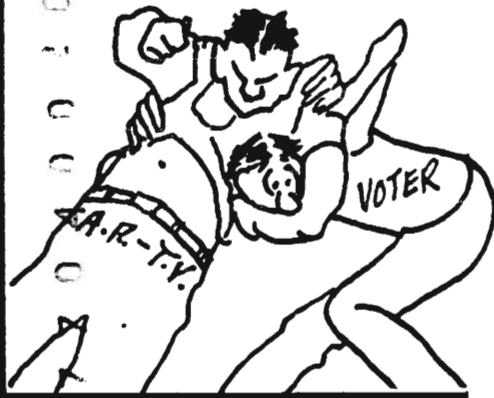


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John G. Murphy, Jr.
General Counsel

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BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

In the Matter of)
Associated Press and other)
unspecified parties)

MUR 163 (76)

CERTIFICATION

I, Marjorie W. Emmons, Secretary to the Federal Election Commission, do hereby certify that on July 2, 1976, the Commission adopted the recommendation of the General Counsel that it finds no reason to believe that a violation of the Federal Election Campaign Act, as amended, had been committed in the above-captioned matter.

Accordingly, the file in this case has been closed.

Marjorie W. Emmons
Marjorie W. Emmons
Secretary to the Commission

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U. S. SENATE

Author of "HOW!"
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P.O. Box 1275, Patterson, Ca. 95363

MUR 163

NOTICE OF INTENT TO SUE ... RE. U. S. Senate Primary 1976

TO ...

FEC CORRESPONDENCE
CONTROL # 76-582

This letter is to inform you of my intent to sue you in a court of law in a class action, concerning your participation in breaching the fairness doctrine, and/or equal rights, and/or minority rights, and/or of the Elections Codes as provided to the protection of a candidate by both state and federal regulations; codes, amendments or constitutional rights and/or rules governed under the Federal Elections Commission and/or Federal Communications Commission; as the case may be and for deliberate influencing of the California voter, and/or for discrediting bona fide, qualifying U. S. Senate Candidates.

DATED: June 1, 1976

SIGNED: Howard L. "Chips" Gifford
HOWARD L. "CHIPS" GIFFORD
425 H Street
Patterson, Ca. 95363
(209) 892-3272

LOIS TYNER BODLE
MILLARD FILLMORE SLOVER
RONALD L. WILLIAMS

NOTE:

Other U. S. Senatorial Candidates will participate in this class action suit, their confirmation is coming by mail.

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HOWARD L GIFFORD RNC
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THIS MAILGRAM IS A CONFIRMATION COPY OF THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE:

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WASHINGTON DC 20463

DEMAND INVESTIGATION OF CALIFORNIA U.S. SENATE RACE WE CLAIM MINIMUM OF 51 INFRACTIONS OF THE ELECTIONS CODE. VOTING HERE PREDETERMINED BY AP WIRE SERVICES HAVE TV PERSONNEL WHO WILL TESTIFY THIS AS CROOKED RACE. POST TODAY. SECRETARY OF STATE NOTIFIED OF A CLASS ACTION LAWSUIT. FULL DETAILS TO FOLLOW DEMAND THIS PRIMARY ELECTION DETERMINED NULL AND VOID. I CAN BE CONTACTED AT 209-892-3272 OR 916-726-7107

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MILLARD SLOVER RONALD WILLIAMS AND OTHER US SENATE CANDIDATES
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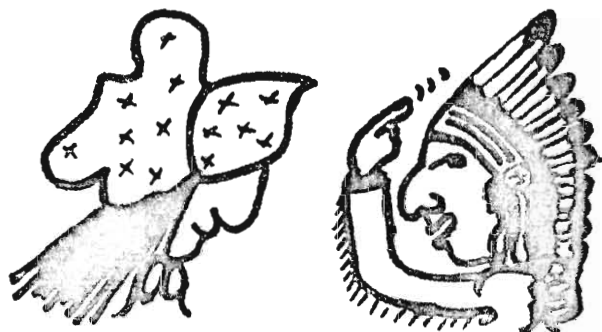
Gifford Plans Law Suit Over Tuesday Vote

Howard L. "Chips" Gifford of Patterson, an unsuccessful U.S. Senatorial candidate in Tuesday's Democratic primary, says he plans to file a class action law suit to overturn the election.

In a letter to other senatorial candidates, Gifford said yesterday "Tunney-Hayden were running as a team on the new Democratic Communist Party...that C.D.C. (California Democratic Council) was that Communist front... that March Fong Eu was elected in by that Front as was Jerry Brown, Mervyn Dymally, Nate Holden, George Moscone, etc. etc."

Gifford, who unsuccessfully challenged Senator Alan Cranston four years ago before mounting a campaign against John Tunney this year, asked other candidates to join him in a \$2 million per candidate suit. "We are demanding that this election be set aside, that it be declared null and void," said Gifford.

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NOTICE TO U.S. SENATE CANDIDATES Frank L. Thomas, Les Craven, Ronald L. Williams, Bob Wallach, Millard F. Slover, Lois T. Bodle, Clyde F. Tracy, James A. Ware, Michael A. Hirt, Henry Hill, Walter Hollywood, Hannibal C. Burchette.

Elections Code 19999 stated County Clerks-Registrar-Recorders must submit a sample ballot to the chairman of the county central committee of that party and shall ~~submit~~ A COPY TO EACH CANDIDATE FOR WHOM NOMINATION HAVE BEEN FILED IN HIS OFFICE OR WHOSE NAME HAS BEEN CERTIFIED TO HIM BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE etc. etc.

We received Sample Ballots from the following counties: Butte, Contra Costa, Del Norte, Glenn, Kern, Kings, Lake, Marin, Monterey, Nevada, Orange, Riverside, Sacramento, San Bernardino, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Sonoma, Sutter, Trinity, Yolo.

We did not receive Sample Ballots from the following counties, and have notified these County Clerks-Registrar-Recorders that they will be sued: Alameda, Alpine, Amador, Calaveras, Colusa, El Dorado, Fresno, Humboldt, Imperial, Inyo, Lassen, Los Angeles, Madera, Mariposa, Mendocino, Merced, Modoc, Mono, Napa, Placer, Plumas, San Benito, San Diego, San Francisco, San Joaquin, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Santa Cruz, Shasta, Sierra, Siskiyou, Solano, Stanislaus, Tehama, Tulare, Tuolumne, Ventura, Yuba.

We have notified U.S. Senate Candidates, Bell, Hayakawa, Harmer, Finch, Hayden and Tunney that they will be sued re Article 14, Amendment to the Bill of Rights is that; The right to vote at any election of ... Congress ... etc... If in any way these rights are abridged etc. These rights were abridged both by the Tunney-Hayden debate and by the other candidates stating they were the only ones who COULD BEAT TUNNEY IN NOVEMBER.

The newspapers have Freedom of the Press but again not to abridge in any way our rights to run for Congress We have notified the following papers we intend to sue: Sacramento Bee, Sacramento Union, Modesto Bee, Fresno Bee, San Francisco Examiner and Chronicle, Los Angeles Times, San Diego Union, Associated Press and United Press Wireservices. You should be able to submit more to us and why.

We are suing the following T.V. shows on behalf of denial of equal time: Sam Yorty Show, Merv Griffin Show, Dinah Shore Show, Sacramento T.V. Channels 3-10-13, San Francisco T.V. Channels 4-5, KNBC-NBC Los Angeles. You should be able to submit more to us and why being down south.

We are suing Radio Station KPFA of Oakland who endorsed Tunney a total of 18 times and offered but one rebuttal You may furnish us with more, and why.

We are suing the C.D.C. California Democratic Council and the Los Angeles Democratic Central Committee. The G.O.P. people can let us know who the G.O.P. people are that stifled them.

You will be hearing about DUB '66 Legal Fund. First printing due to come off presses on Tuesday the 15th. We are campaigning for funds ... To take this matter into the Federal Courts ... We will need funds for this and I shall not carry the entire load by myself ... We will have mailings, etc. ... This will be a trust fund for expenses, paper, envelopes, stamps, printing and legal expenses ... We will be bringing in professional fundraisers when we can afford to hire them If you thought you were of Senatorial material now's the time to prove yourself.

P.S. DO NOT CONCEDE
THIS ELECTION!
... EVER ...

Peace,
Chips
H. L. "Chips" Gifford

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Encls.

Proverbs 8:10: Receive my instructions, and not silver; and knowledge rather than choice gold.



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June 9, 1976

TO THE U. S. SENATORIAL CANDIDATES 1976 AND TO WHOM ELSE IT MAY CONCERN:

As you saw Tuesday night, June 8, 1976, the Associated Press pre-determined who were the candidates and who would get what vote long before any figures would or could be forthcoming from the Secretary of State's office. This includes G.O.P. as well as Democrats.

Associated Press, by taking 190,000 votes for Tunney (unqualified) declared him a winner out of 3 million votes. At this time Hayden declares he is working for Tunney and the voting is over. Same as with Hayakawa ... We were sold out.

I told each of you at the time of filing that Tunney-Hayden were running as a team on the new Democratic Communist Party. That C.D.C. was that Communist front. That March Fong Eu was elected in by that Front as was Jerry Brown, Mervyn Dymally, Nate Holden, George Moscone, etc. etc.

I take all libel and/or slander suits directly to me. These are my statements. I do not request that you need share them, only that the election was rigged and you want damages.

No votes could be obtained from the Secretary of State's office. They had computer breakdowns etc. again as in 1974. Ed Arnold of that office knows I am filing a class action law suit. He states that office has no defense and that he knows it is coming.

Sections 10009 and 10011 of the elections codes require that all candidates get 58 separate sample ballots, don't get this confused with getting a packet from a county where you get polling ballots There are 24,044 of these.

So far Ronald L. Williams and Millard Fillmore Slover have requested to join this class action As well Mr. Williams is a Black Minority Candidate and I am an Indian Minority Candidate We will pick up infractions there. To date we have 51 separate infractions of the Election Codes.

We want information from each of you and hope you will join this law suit. If you do not, you will most likely go to sleep under the Stars and Bars and wake up under the Hammer and Sickle.

We have a mass of outraged people. We are putting on a drive for a million dollars for legal services. We intend to sue for \$2 million per candidate. This will make NEWS, it will shock the United States into what is going on.

We have T.V. people who will state this is the worst crooked election yet. That they did what they were ordered to do. That Watergate was like going after chicken thieves compared to this.

I have already notified the Federal Election Commission in Washington, D.C. at 1325 K St. N.W., Washington, D.C. 20463 and a copy of this letter will go to them. You can verify this with them.

We are asking that you start by sending copies of this to all small media, radio etc. to show we mean business. We want to know who would not allow you equal media time. Sam Yorty shows, Dinah Shore, etc. etc.

We are demanding that this election be set aside. That it be declared null and void. We will have petitions, etc. going out on this asking people to stop right now on all politics including presidential until this issue is cleared up. We are asking because Associated Press did most of this, that you help us start a mass cancellation of newspapers. Turn your radio on for news, your T.V. off.

I am now on my way to Sacramento. We will be putting together printing in which to start our drive for legal funds which will go directly into a bank. This is not a gimmick, this is real. The books are open to you. You are welcomed to become a part of this. More later - you have my phone numbers. I'll be at one of them ...
209-892-3272 or 916-726-7107

Peace, *J. Levent L. "Chips" Dufford*
The U.S. Senate Candidate

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DATE AND TIME OF TRANSMITTAL: _____

NO. MUR 163 (76)

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
Washington, D. C.

Complainant's Name: Howard L. "Chips" Gifford

Respondent's Name: Associated Press and other unspecified parties.

Relevant Statute: Not specified

Internal Reports Checked: Gifford for Senate (California)

Federal Agencies Checked: None

SUMMARY OF ALLEGATION

51 unspecified allegations of violations of Election Codes [sic]

PRELIMINARY LEGAL ANALYSIS

No reason to believe that a violation of statutes within
jurisdiction of Commission has been omitted.

RECOMMENDATION

Close file; with letter to complainant only.

Date of Next Commission Review: _____

Federal Election Commission

1325 K St NW Wash. D.C. 20463

GIFFORD

DEMOCRAT CANDIDATE

U. S. SENATE

Dear Sirs, Please add this to the formal Complaint Mailgram sent you June, 9, 1976 complaint re U.S. Senatorial Election, U.S. Senatorial Candidate Calif. 1976.

Howard R. "Chips" Gifford

186 Kearney Street
Chula Vista, Ca. 92010
June 11, 1976

Mr. Howard Gifford
P.O. Box 1275
Patterson, Ca 95363

FEC CORRESPONDENCE
CONTROL # 76-653

Dear Mr. Gifford,

Thank you for your letter of June 9, 1976.

I agree with your ideas and actions regarding the class action suit. Please include me.

I have been appalled at the blackout of news concerning all candidates other than Turney and Hayden. And it has been deliberate in the face of full information supplied to all media including AP and UP. Since these services involve interstate commerce, I would think they would be federally regulated, but there was not one word to inform the public of our positions and platforms so that the voters could make an intelligent choice. The editor of a local paper (independent) who was at election returns TV casting had to ask me ^{later} how many democratic candidates there were since that information was not available at the TV Central on election night. I was not present but briefly saw my name on the return board until it was removed. When

Reagan appeared and made the statement that it was time for the public to be able to choose their candidates instead of being told who the candidates would be, he was immediately cut off in San Diego on May 9, 1972.

I attended a candidates night sponsored by the Retired Military Officers Association and Jack White, the MC of Channel 10 NBC, did not read my name from the list of candidates although my name was printed on his list to introduce. I saw it and drew his attention to it and he continued to ignore it. When I finally got the mike and stated that a republic is not supposed to have and maintain a public debt, he cut me off immediately although the audience broke into applause at my statement.

That same evening the San Diego Union Tribune made 13 pictures of me at their newspaper photo lab and one appeared on page 6 on May 24 with four inches of incorrect copy buried with no headline after Volunimio (Ed Miller, Ken Krugac & a reporter) copy about Sunny & Hayden. I was interviewed by three people at 3 P.M. Union photo lab and no story appears.

Mr. William S. Bernath of The Los Angeles Times sent me a letter on May 13 stating that he wanted to correct what he recognized as an imbalance in reporting the primary campaigns. I had sent L.A. Times three copies of my material since February with no notice taken. I sent the fourth copy and he called me a week later saying he had not received

any information so he interviewed me over the phone. However, no story ever appeared that I know of. None of the letters were returned, and they all bore return addresses. (We must return the Post Office to the government before a real disruption of all communications. I think the P.O. reorganization Act of 1970 is unconstitutional since Congress is specifically charged with this responsibility and it is not necessary or proper to handle the mail as it is under this Act).

I have the letters from Bernstein as evidence and a witness to the interviews with Ed Nichols & Len Krolac. I even sent my material to Mrs. James Capley, the Union publisher, and Mrs. Krolac since I knew that neither would see it any other way.

I sent out 47,000 pieces of literature and received 54,072 votes so apparently those who did get the opportunity to hear my message voted for me. I had only \$25.00 to spend from my savings and received \$55.00 in gifts and that was it. Since I had to teach full time all during the campaign, I was not able to travel for TV appearances but KPIX of San Francisco flew down & taped three minutes and Channel 36, San Jose, must have been able to make a spot from the materials which I furnished them. They said they aired six one minute spots for which I am thankful.

I did get to speak at CDC because my Campaign manager was adamant and told the Chairman that she would embarrass her if she didn't let me speak - People in S.A. did see that on TV and I received feedback from it.

I have more evidence when you want it. My only comment about the suit is that 2 million is too little to ask considering the ignominious treatment we received as well as the deprivation of the opportunity to represent the people on an informed vote of the people. Qualified Candidates should be able to step from the people and become known through the common media. (and controlled)

The media is owned by right of purchase and is a natural monopoly, especially the wire services; and since most radio news is taken from the wire services, we were denied radio news coverage also. I called several radio stations to inquire as to why it was never aired as news & was told that all news came from the wire services only.

Sincerely,

Lois Tyner Bodle

P.S. you may send copies of this letter to the Federal Election Commission. I fear that our government & media have been captured by international banking. RTB

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June 9, 1976

TO THE U. S. SENATORIAL CANDIDATES 1976 AND TO WHOM ELSE IT MAY CONCERN:

As you saw Tuesday night, June 8, 1976, the Associated Press pre-determined who were the candidates and who would get what vote long before any figures would or could be forthcoming from the Secretary of State's office. This includes G.O.P. as well as Democrats.

Associated Press, by taking 150,000 votes for Tunney (unqualified) declared him a winner out of 3 million votes. At this time Hayden declares he is working for Tunney and the voting is over. Same as with Hayakawa ... We were sold out.

I told each of you at the time of filing that Tunney-Hayden were running as a team on the new Democratic Communist Party. That C.D.C. was that Communist front. That March Fong Eu was elected in by that Front as was Jerry Brown, Mervyn Dymally, Nate Holden, George Moscone, etc. etc.

I take all libel and/or slander suits directly to me. These are my statements. I do not request that you need share them, only that the election was rigged and you want damages.

No votes could be obtained from the Secretary of State's office. They had computer breakdowns etc. again as in 1974. Ed Arnold of that office knows I am filing a class action law suit. He states that office has no defense and that he knows it is coming.

Sections 10009 and 10011 of the elections codes require that all candidates get 58 separate sample ballots, don't get this confused with getting a packet from a county where you get polling ballots There are 24,044 of these.

So far Ronald L. Williams and Millard Fillmore Slover have requested to join this class action As well Mr. Williams is a Black Minority Candidate and I am an Indian Minority Candidate We will pick up infractions there. To date we have 51 separate infractions of the Election Codes.

We want information from each of you and hope you will join this law suit. If you do not, you will most likely go to sleep under the Stars and Bars and wake up under the Hammer and Sickle.

We have a mass of outraged people. We are putting on a drive for a million dollars for legal services. We intend to sue for \$2 million per candidate. This will make NEWS, it will shock the United States into what is going on.

We have T.V. people who will state this is the worst crooked election yet. That they did what they were ordered to do. That Watergate was like going after chicken thieves compared to this.

I have already notified the Federal Election Commission in Washington, D.C. at 1325 K St. N.W., Washington, D.C. 20463 and a copy of this letter will go to them. You can verify this with them.

We are asking that you start by sending copies of this to all small media, radio etc. to show we mean business. We want to know who would not allow you equal media time. Sam Yorty shows, Dinah Shore, etc. etc.

We are demanding that this election be set aside. That it be declared null and void. We will have petitions, etc. going out on this asking people to stop right now on all politics including presidential until this issue is cleared up. We are asking because Associated Press did most of this, that you help us start a mass cancellation of newspapers. Turn your radio on for news, your T.V. off.

I am now on my way to Sacramento. We will be putting together printing in which to start our drive for legal funds which will go directly into a bank. This is not a gimmick, this is real. The books are open to you. You are welcomed to become a part of this. More later - you have my phone numbers. I'll be at one of them ...
209-892-3272 or 916-726-7107

Peace, Edward L. "Chip" Gifford
The U.S. Senate Candidate

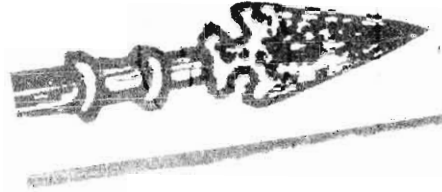
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