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MUR 3720

MR LAWRENCE M. NOBLE GENERAL COUNSEL

MS LOIS G. LERNER ASSOCIATE GENERAL COUNSEL

NOVEMBER 21, 1992

DEAR MR NOBLE AND MS LERNER,

THE ENCLOSED "REVISED" COMPLAINT IS BEING SUBMITTED PER YOUR LETTER OF INSTRUCTION DATED NOVEMBER 4, 1992, CITING REFERENCE TO 2 U.S.C. & 437 g(a) (12)(A).

I WISH TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION AND INFORMATION TO CLARIFY THE EXISTING LAWS RELATIVE TO THIS COMPLAINT PROCESS.

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ROBERT L FUNK 27246 GARZA DRIVE SAUGUS, CA 91350 OFFICE OF GENERAL COUNSEL FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION WASHINGTON, DC 20463

OCTOBER 23, 1992

RE; VIOLATION OF SECTION 110.6, EARMARKED CONTRIBUTIONS (2 U.S.C. 44A (A)(8)

IT IS REQUESTED AN IMMEDIATE AND COMPLETE INVESTIGATION BE INITIATED BY YOUR ORGANIZATION FOR VIOLATIONS OF FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION REGULATIONS SECTION 110.6 BY REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE HOWARD (BUCK) MCKEON FOR THE 25TH CONGRESSIONAL BACE IN CALIFORNIA, BY CONTRIBUTORS, CEASARS WORLD PAG AND NORMAN J. GRAY, AND THE COMMITTEE TO ELECT HOWARD (BUCK) MCKEON.

NORMAN J. GRAY IS LISTED ON PAGE 4 OF 12 ON THE FEG REPORT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS FILED 4-17-92, SCHEDULE A ENTRY #2. NORMAN J. GRAY IS THE CONDUIT FOR THE EARMARKED FUNDS, ACCORDING TO MR MCKEON. (ADDENDUM #1)

CEASARS WORLD PAG IS THE CONTRIBUTOR EXECUTING THE ORIGINAL DONATION OF \$1000 AND IS LISTED ON PAGE 1 OF 1 OF THE SAME REPORT OF RECEIPT AND DISBURSEMENTS OF MCKEON, FILED 4-17-92, SCHEDULE A ENTRY #1 CONTRIBUTIONS FROM OTHERS SUCH AS PAGS. (ADDENDUM #2)

MR MCKEON HAS BEEN CHARGED BY MR GILMARTIN THAT "THIS MAN IS ARROGANT, DECEITFUL AND DOES NOT CARE ABOUT ONE SINGLE RULE THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT SUPPLIED TO HIM THE DAY HE RAN FOR OFFICE". (ADDENDUM #3)

THIS COMPLAINT IS BEING FILED AT THE "SPECIFIC" DIRECTION OF CANDIDATE MCKEON ISSUED IN PUBLIC DEBATE FORUM OF 10-15-92. ADDITIONALLY, WHEN THE FEC WAS CONTACTED ON 10-21-92, FEC STAFF STATED THE CIRCUMSTANCES DESCRIBED ON THE TELEPHONE SOUNDED "FISHY" AND A COMPLAINT SHOULD BE FILED WITHOUT DELAY OTHERWISE THE FEC WOULD NOT BE EMPOWERED TO INVESTIGATE THE COMPLAINT.

MR MCKEON, IN OPEN DEBATE, RESPONDED TO THE RECEIPT OF PAC MONIES, THAT HE WAS GIVEN A \$1000 DONATION BY CHECK WITH A "NO NAME " AS PAYEE FROM CEASARS WORLD. MR MCKEON CONTINUED TO STATE THE CHECK WAS ALLEGEDLY SENT TO NORM GRAY, WHO WAS ACTING AS A FUNDRAISER FOR HIS CAMPAIGN, WITH A NOTE ATTACHED STATING IN ESSENCE "GIVE THIS TO THE CANDIDATE OF YOUR CHOICE, HE MUST BE A GOOD MAN IF YOU SAY SO". MR MCKEON WENT ON TO STATE THAT THE CHECK WAS NOT FILLED OUT WITH HIS (MCKEON) NAME ON IT, THAT NORM GRAY OR SOMEONE IN HIS ORGANIZATION FORWARDED THE CHECK TO THE MCKEON CAMPAIGN AND THE CHECK WAS CASHED AND REPORTED ON THE FORMS ISSUED TO BUCK MCKEON FOR CONGRESS PER FEC RULES.

PAGE 2 VIOLATION SECTION 110.6 SINCE THIS STATEMENT WAS MADE BY MR MCKEON IN OPEN DISCUSSION AT A PUBLIC FORUM IN ANTELOPE VALLEY ON 10-15-92 AND HAD BEEN MADE AT ANOTHER PUBLIC FORUM ON 10-13-92 AT THE ANTELOPE VALLEY INN, IN LANCASTER, AND ALSO HAD BEEN MADE PRIOR TO THAT AT THE KUTY RADIO STATION, IT WAS THE OPINION OF THIS CANDIDATE (GILMARTIN) THE MATTER SHOULD BE VERIFIED. A SUBSEQUENT REVIEW OF THE FEC REPORT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS FILED 4-17-92 DISCLOSED THAT NORMAN GRAY DID MAKE A \$1000 CONTRIBUTION AND CEASARS WORLD PAC ALSO MADE A \$1000 DONATION ON THAT REPORT BY MR MCKEON. MR GRAY IS LISTED AS PRESIDENT OF MAGIC FORD, A CORPORATION AND OTHER MAJOR CONTRIBUTIONS ARE SHOWN FROM MULTIPLE EMPLOYEES OF MAGIC FORD. IT IS UNKNOWN IF A PERSONAL CHECK OR A CORPORATE CHECK WAS ISSUED FOR THIS PURPOSE. WE HAVE NOT VERIFIED ANY FURTHER CONTRIBUTIONS OF MR GRAY AFTER 6-30-92 REPORT, DATED 7-15-92, TO SEE IF MR GRAY INCREASED HIS PERSONAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE CAMPAIGN. FURTHER DISCUSSION WITH STAFF SUGGESTED A TELEPHONE CALL BE MADE TO FEG TO DETERMINE IF IN FACT, VIOLATIONS HAD BEEN M COMMITTED, OR ARE OF A SUSPICIOUS NATURE TO WARRANT A COMPLAINT BEING FILED WITH THE FEC. WHEN FEC STAFF REPORTED TO THE CAMPAIGN MANAGER MR ROBERT L FUNK FOR COMPLAINANT, THAT THE CIRCUMSTANCES SOUNDED "FISHY" 0 IT WAS DECIDED TO FILE THIS COMPLAINT TO CLARIFY THE ISSUE. IN SUMMATION OF THE ALLEGATIONS, THE FOLLOWING SCENARIO IS PRESENTED; 0 M CEASARS WORLD PAC SENT A \$1000 DONATION BY CHECK, NOT FILLED OUT COMPLETELY NAMING THE PAYEE, WITH A NOTE TO NORMAN GRAY. THE NOTE IS ALLEGED BY MR MCKEON IN PUBLIC DEBATE, TO STATE TO NORMAN GRAY "NORM, GIVE THIS TO THE CANDIDATE OF YOURS, IF YOU SAY SO HE MUST BE A GOOD MAN". THE CHECK WAS APPARENTLY FORWARDED TO MCKEON CAMPAIGN HEADQUARTERS AND WAS CASHED BY THE CAMPAIGN STAFF FOR BENEFIT OF THE MCKEON CAMPAIGN AS SET OUT IN SECTION 110.6 FEC REGULATIONS. IT WAS REPORTED ON THE REPORT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS, FILED 4-17-92. ACCORDING TO FEC STAFF, A LETTER HAD NOT BEEN RECEIVED AT FEC BY NORMAN J. GRAY, REGARDING THIS DONATION, WHICH IS INDICATED AS NECESSARY IN THE REGULATIONS. IF IN FACT, A LETTER IDENTIFYING THE DONOR AND DONATION WAS NOT FORWARDED BY GRAY TO FEC, THAN A VIOLATION HAS OCCURRED. (ADDENDUM #4)

PAGE 3 VIOLATION 110.6

FEC RULES INDICATE THAT A PAC DONATION "NOT" SPECIFICALLY IDENTIFYING ON THE CHECK, THE NAME OF THE RECEIPIENT IS A VIOLATION OF FEC REGULATIONS.

THE DIRECTION AND CONTROL OF CAMPAIGN FUNDS IS THE SOLE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE CANDIDATE AND IF NOT PROPERLY CONTROLLED, THE CANDIDATE IS IN VIOLATION OF FEC REGULATIONS.

IT IS APPARENT THERE ARE A NUMBER OF VIOLATIONS OF FEO REGULATIONS 110.6 AND OTHERS TO WARRANT AN INVESTIGATION OF THIS CANDIDATE, HIS FILING DISCLOSURE FORMS AND DONATIONS TO HIS CAMPAIGN.

NOTE: THIS OFFICE DOES NOT HAVE A COPY OF THE CHECK OR NOTE REFERENCED BY MR MCKEON, NOR HAS THIS OFFICE BEEN IN CONTACT WITH NORMAN GRAY, CEASARS WORLD PAC, THE COMMITTEE TO ELECT HOWARD (BUCK) MCKEON OR MR MCKEON, REGARDING THIS SITUATION OR CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING IT.

THIS CANDIDATE, MR MCKEON, HAS TAKEN IT UPON HIMSELF TO CONDUCT HIS ELECTION CAMPAIGN WITHOUT REGARD TO THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION REGULATIONS AND APPEARS TO PRESENT "AN ARROGANCE OF POWER, INFLUENCE AND MONEY" IN THE COMMISSION OF ACTS RELATED TO HIS CAMPAIGN.

IT MIGHT ALSO BE ADDED THAT IF AN ELECTIONEERING CANDIDATE CANNOT OR WILL NOT ABIDE BY THE RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE FEC PRIOR TO BEING ELECTED, HOW CAN THE PUBLIC INTEREST BE SERVED OR TRUST IN ELECTED OFFICIALS EVER BE EXPECTED AFTER ELECTION.

ROBERT L FUNK

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CAMPAIGN MANAGER

COMMITTEE TO ELECT JAMES H. GILMARTIN

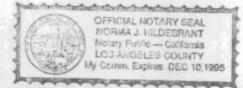
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SIGNED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME November 24, 1992

Norma J. Hildebrant



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| 28334 Mist Court | | | | |
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McKeon criticized by Gilmartin during debate

Staff Writer

LANCASTER - Candidates for a new Antelope Valley congressional district aquared off Thursday night in an often-lively debate in which Republican Howard P. "Buck" McKeon was criticized for the way his campaign has been financed and run.

This man is arrogant, deceitful and does not care about one single rule the federal government supplied to him the day he can for office."

Democrat James Gilmartin shouted.

I'm not arrogant," McKeon, a businessman and former Santa Clarita mayor, replied. He

Presidential debate/B1

 Bush, Clinton and Perot field questions from voters in exchanges that range from taxes to crime and character.

added later: I don't think that I have to speak to my integrity.

Gilmartin, McKeon, pro-Ross Perot indepenient Rick Pamplin, Libertarian Peggy Christensen and Green Party candidate Charles Wilken participated in the debate, which was sponsored by the Antelope Valley Press and held in the Lancaster Performing Arts Center.

They are competing in the Nov. 3 general election for the 25th Congressional District, which includes the Los Angeles County portion of the Antelope Valley, Santa Clarita, Northridge, Chatsworth and Granada Hills. Peace and Freedom candidata Nancy Lawrence did not attend the debate.

Christensen got off one of the more laugh-provoking lines of the debate when she explained why she supports congressional term limits.

"Politicians are like dirty dispers,"

Christensen said. "They need changing frequently, and for the same reason."

The candidates generally stuck to such issues as the federal budget deficit, health care, transportation and banking deregulation during the first portion of the debate, which featured questions from Valley Press editors.

But when the candidates were allowed to ask questions of each other, McKeon found his integrity under attack from Gilmartin an uplin, who criticated McKeon's acceptance of paign contributions from political action committees.

Pamplin asked whether it was true that Mc-



NG A POINT – Libertarian candieggy Christensen speaks at the povhile Howard "Buck" McKeon, left, ck Pamplin listen. The three, along

with other candidates in the 25th District Congressional election, participated in an Antelope Valley Press-sponsored debate Thursday night.

Debate

From A1

Keon has hired Dan Morgan & Associates, a Virginia-based firm that solicits contributions from PACs for candidates, to obtain PAC money for McKeon's campaign.

McKeon confirmed that it was true, but denied Pamptin's charge that McKeon had lied by saying he never solicited PAC money. McKeon said he didn't think he ever said that.

Gilmartin, a Santa Clarita attorney, criticized McKeon over a mass mailing McKeon sent out to May during the GOP primary, and purportedly bearing the letterhead of a Northridge resident named Fred Huckvale.

During what resembled a courtroom cross-examination, McKeon was handed a copy of the letter by Gilmartin. McKeon conceded that the address listed as Huckvale's was actually that of McKeon's San Fernando Valley campaign office.

McKeon also admitted that the letter - a hit piece criticizing GOP opponent Phillip D. Wyman - did not identify it as being paid by McKeon's campaign. Gilmartin claimed the letter was deceitful because it hid the involvement of the McKeon campaign.

McKeon said Gilmartin's attack represents proof that "one of the problems with Congress is we have too many attorneys."

McKeon replied that if inmartin thinks the mailing Jated federal laws, he sho file another complaint with the Federal Elections Commission.

Gilmartin had previously filed complaints with the FEC over a newsletter sent to customers of Valencia National Bank, which McKeon chairs, that carried an article about McKeon's GOP primary victory. Gilmartin also sniped at loans made by the bank to its directors; McKeon said federal regulators told the bank it could not forbid loans to its own directors.

Christensen spoke in favor of individual responsibility, less government, fewer taxes and (ii) The contribution is earmarked by the contributor for a particular candidate with respect to a particular election.

(d) Independent expenditures. The annual limitation on contributions in this section applies to contributions made to persons, including political committees, making independent expenditures under 11 CFR part 109.

(e) Contributions to delegates and delegate committees. The annual limitation on contributions in this section applies to contributions to delegates and delegate committees under 11 CFR 110.14.

154 FR 34112, Aug. 17, 1989 and 54 FR 48580, Nov. 24, 19891

§ 110.6 Earmarked contributions (2 U.S.C.

- (a) General. All contributions by a person made on behalf of or to a candidate, including contributions which are in any way earmarked or otherwise directed to the candidate through an intermediary or conduit, are contributions from the person to the candidate.
- (b) Definitions. (1) For purposes of this section, earmarked means a designation, instruction, or encumbrance, whether direct or indirect, express or implied, oral or written, which results in all or any part of a contribution or expenditure being made to, or expended on behalf of, a clearly identified candidate or a candidate's authorized committee.
- (2) For purposes of this section, conduit or intermediary means any person who receives and forwards an earmarked contribution to a candidate or a candidate's authorized committee, except as provided in paragraph (b)(2)(i) of this section.

(i) For purposes of this section, the following persons shall not be considered to be conduits or intermediaries:

(A) An individual who is an employee or a full-time volunteer working for the candidate's authorized committee, provided that the individual is not acting in his or her capacity as a representative of an entity prohibited from making contributions;

(B) A fundraising representative conducting joint fundraising with the

candidate's authorized committee pursuant to 11 CFR 102.17 or 9034.8:

(C) An affiliated committee, as defined in 11 CFR 100.5(g):

(D) A commercial fundraising firm retained by the candidate or the candidate's authorized committee to assist in fundraising; and

(E) An individual who is expressly authorized by the candidate or the candidate's authorized committee to engage in fundraising, and who occupies a significant position within the candidate's campaign organization, provided that the individual is not acting in his or her capacity as a representative of an entity prohibited from making contributions.

(ii) Any person who is prohibited from making contributions or expenditures in connection with an election for Federal office shall be prohibited from acting as a conduit for contributions earmarked to candidates or their authorized committees. The provisions of this section shall not restrict the ability of an organization or committee to serve as a collecting agent for a separate segregated fund pursuant to 11 CFR 102.6.

(iii) Any person who receives an earmarked contribution shall forward such earmarked contribution to the candidate or authorized committee in accordance with 11 CFR 102.8, except that—

(A) A fundraising representative shall follow the joint fundraising procedures set forth at 11 CFR 102.17

(B) A person who is prohibited from acting as a conduit pursuant to paragraph (b)(2)(ii) of this section shall return the earmarked contribution to the contributor.

(c) Reporting of earmarked contributions—(1) Reports by conduits and intermediaries. (i) The intermediary or conduit of the earmarked contribution shall report the original source and the recipient candidate or authorized committee to the Commission, the Clerk of the House of Representatives, or the Secretary of the Senate, as appropriate (see 11 CFR part 105), and to the recipient candidate or authorized committee.

(ii) The report to the Commission, Clerk or Secretary shall be included in the conduit's or intermediary's report for the reporting period in which the earmarked contribution was received, or, if the conduit or intermediary is not required to report under 11 CFR part 104, by letter to the Commission within thirty days after forwarding the earmarked contribution.

(iii) The report to the recipient candidate or authorized committee shall be made when the earmarked contribution is forwarded to the recipient candidate or authorized committee pursuant to 11 CFR 102.8

(iv) The report by the conduit or intermediary shall contain the following

(A) The name and mailing address of each contributor and, for each earmarked contribution in excess of \$200, the contributor's occupation and the name of his or her employer:

(B) The amount of each earmarked contribution, the date received by the conduit, and the intended recipient as designated by the contributor; and

(C) The date each earmarked contribution was forwarded to the recipient candidate or authorized committee and whether the earmarked contribution was forwarded in cash or by the contributor's check or by the conduit's check.

(v) For each earmarked contribution passed through the conduit's or intermediary's account, the information specified in paragraph (c)(1)(iv) (A) through (C) of this section shall be itemized on the appropriate schedules of receipts and disbursements attached to the conduit's or intermediary's report, or shall be disclosed by letter, as appropriate. For each earmarked contribution forwarded in the form of the contributor's check or other written instrument, the information specified in paragraph (c)(1)(iv) (A) through (C) of this section shall be disclosed as a memo entry on the appropriate schedules of receipts and disbursements attached to the conduit's or intermediary's report, or shall be disclosed by letter, as appropriate.

(2) Reports by recipient candidates and authorized committees. (i) The recipient candidate or authorized committee shall report each conduit or intermediary who forwards one or more earmarked contributions which in the

aggregate exceed \$200 in any calendar year.

(II) The report by the recipient candidate or authorized committee shall contain the following information:

(A) The identification of the conduit or intermediary, as defined in 11 CFR

(B) The total amount of earmarked contributions received from the conduit or intermediary and the date of seceipt; and

(C) The information required under 11 CFR 104.3(a) (3) and (4) for each carmarked contribution which in the aggregate exceeds \$200 in a calendar year.

(iii) The information specified in paragraph (c)(2)(ii) (A) through (C) of this section shall be iten on Schedule A attached to the report for the reporting period in which the earmarked contribution is received.

(d) Direction or control. (1) A conduit's or intermediary's contribution limits are not affected by the forwarding of an earmarked contribution except where the conduit or intermediary exercises any direction or control over the choice of the recipient candidate.

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(2) If a conduit or intermediary exercises any direction or control over the choice of the recipient candidate. The earmarked contribution shall be considered a contribution by both the original contributor and the conduit or intermediary. If the conduit or intermediary exercises any direction over the choice of the recipient candidate, the report file by the recipient candidate or authorized committee shall indicate that the earmarked contribution is

154 FR 34113. Aug. 17, 1989 and 54 FR 48580, Nov. 24, 1989)

made by both the original contributor

and the conduit or intermediary, and

that the entire amount of the contri-

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8 110.7 Party committee expenditure limitations (2 U.S.C. 441a(d)).

(a)(1) The national committee of a political party may make expenditures in connection with the general election campaign of any candidate for

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Bank's Mailers Illegal, McKeon Foes Charge

■ Politics: One opponent files complaint over a newsletter backing the GOP Congress hopeful.

By JACK CHEEVERS TIMES STAFF WRITER

Two opponents of Republican congressional contender Howard P. (Buck) McKeon are complaining to federal election officials about a newsletter touting McKeon that was mailed by a Valencia bank he chairs to 2,500 of its customers.

Democrat James Gilmartin and independent Rick Pamplin charged that the Valencia National Bank newsletter constitutes an illegal corporate contribution McKeon's campaign, and Pamplin called on McKeon to resign as board chairman.

The three men are battling in the newly created 25th Congressional District, which covers the Santa Clarita and Antelope valleys and parts of the northern San Fernando Valley. Pamplin, a Paimdalescreenwriter, qualified for the ballot after a signature-gathering drive by local Ross Perot support-

The newsletter was mailed last. month to 400 bank stockholders and 2,500 checking account customers, said bank marketing director Gail Pinsker, who edits the newsletter. In addition, copies were left in display racks at a branch office in Valencia, she said-

The report congratulated McKeon, who has been bank chair man for five years, on winning the June GOP primary election and said that, if elected Nov. 3, he "willbenefit the Valley tremendously."

"With McKeon in Congress, the Santa Clarita Valley will be able to rest assured that its future is in the. hands of someone dedicated to the economic success of businesses in the community," it said.

Gilmartin, a Santa Clarita attora ney, was identified in the newslet

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ACE: Candidates Criticize Bank Mailer

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ter as McKeon's Democratic opponunt, but was not otherwise described. Pamplin was not men-

Gilmartin and Pamplin said the newsletter violated the federal ban on campaign contributions by corporations and gave McKeon an unfair political advantage.

If I mailed out 3,000 newsletters, it would cost me, for postage and printing and so forth, probably \$1,500 to \$1,700," said Gilmartin, who noted that McKeon's campaign was more than \$200,000 in debt after the primary election.

"Why does the Republican candidate get a free ride? Because he chairs the bank. It's just unfair." Gilmartin filed a complaint with the Federal Election Commission last week, and Pamplin said Friday

he plans to file one soon.

FEC spokesman Fred Eiland said it is legal for federally chartered banks to communicate political endorsements to stockholders, executives, employees and their families, but not to the general

McKeon said he had "nothing atall to do" with the newsletter,

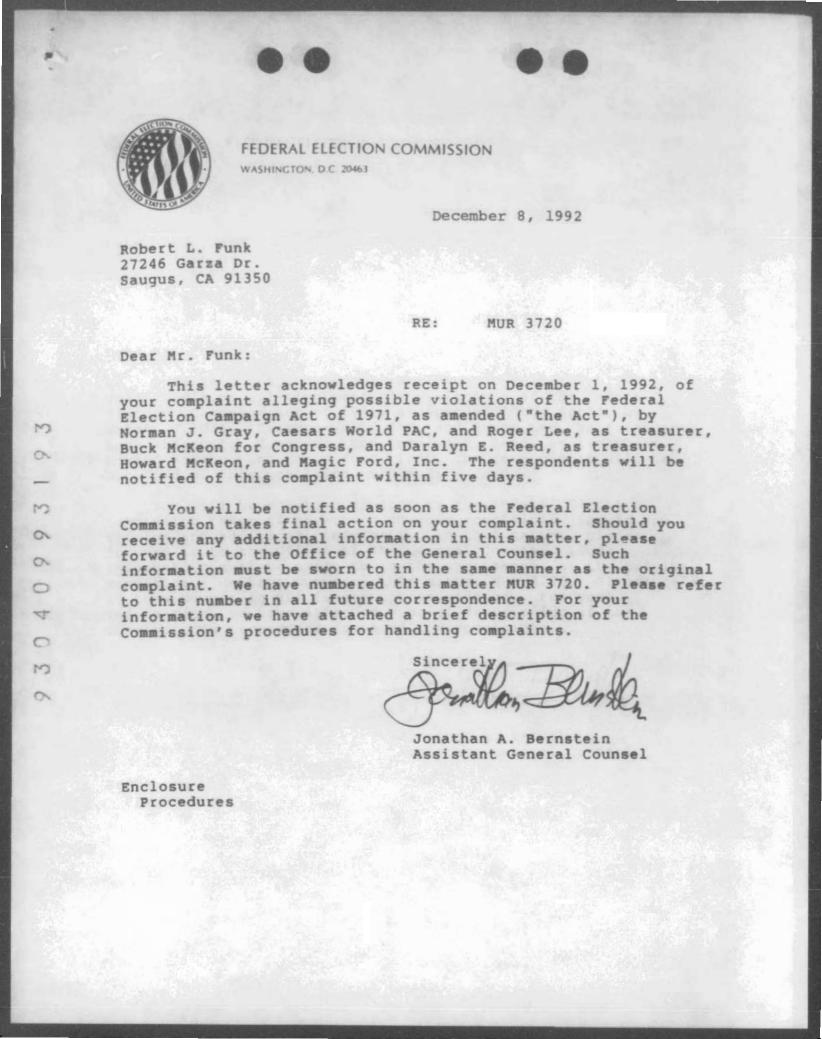
Pamplin called on McKeon to resign the bank chairmanship, saying it would be a conflict of interest for him to hold the job while serving in Congress.

McKeon said he informed other bank directors that if he is elected in November, he will resign "as soon as they can accept my resignation." McKeon said he made that decision before Pamplin entered the race last month.

McKeon said he would quit not

because of any conflict of interest, but because he won't have the time to attend bank board meetings if he







FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

December 8, 1992

Buck McKeon for Congress Daralyn E. Reed, Treasurer 18960 Soledad Canyon Rd. Santa Clarita, CA 91351

RE: MUR 3720

Dear Ms. Reed:

The Federal Election Commission received a complaint which indicates that Buck McKeon for Congress ("Committee") and you, as treasurer, may have violated the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended ("the Act"). A copy of the complaint is enclosed. We have numbered this matter MUR 3720. Please refer to this number in all future correspondence.

Under the Act, you have the opportunity to demonstrate in writing that no action should be taken against the Committee and you, as treasurer, in this matter. Please submit any factual or legal materials which you believe are relevant to the Commission's analysis of this matter. Where appropriate, statements should be submitted under oath. Your response, which should be addressed to the General Counsel's Office, must be submitted within 15 days of receipt of this letter. If no response is received within 15 days, the Commission may take further action based on the available information.

This matter will remain confidential in accordance with 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(4)(B) and § 437g(a)(12)(A) unless you notify the Commission in writing that you wish the matter to be made public. If you intend to be represented by counsel in this matter, please advise the Commission by completing the enclosed form stating the name, address and telephone number of such counsel, and authorizing such counsel to receive any notifications and other communications from the Commission.

Buck McKeon for Congress Daralyn E. Reed, Treasurer Page 2 If you have any questions, please contact Helen Kim, the attorney assigned to this matter, at (202) 219-3690. For your information, we have enclosed a brief description of the Commission's procedures for handling complaints. Sincerely, Jonathan A. Bernstein Assistant General Counsel Enclosures 1. Complaint 2. Procedures 3. Designation of Counsel Statement SO.



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Caesars World PAC Roger Lee, Treasurer Page 2 If you have any questions, please contact Helen Kim, the attorney assigned to this matter, at (202) 219-3690. For your information, we have enclosed a brief description of the Commission's procedures for handling complaints. Sincerely, Jonathan A. Bernstein Assistant General Counsel Enclosures 1. Complaint 2. Procedures 3. Designation of Counsel Statement 0 M



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Norman J. Gray 23920 Creekside Rd. Valencia, CA 91355

RE: MUR 3720

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

December 8, 1992

Howard McKeon 18960 Soledad Canyon Rd. Santa Clarita, CA 91351

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December 8, 1992

Magic Ford, Inc. Norman Gray, President 23920 Creekside Rd. Valencia, CA 91355

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Dear Mr. Gray:

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December 17, 1992

Helen Kim, Esq. Federal Election Commission 999 E Street, NW Washington, DC 20463

Re: MUR 3720

Dear Ms. Kim:

We have received your December 8, 1992 letter regarding the complaint filed with the FEC by the Committee to Elect James Gilmartin regarding Caesar's World PAC ("the Committee"), Congressman Buck McKeon and Norman Gray. This letter responds to your request for information demonstrating that no action should be taken by the FEC against the Committee in this matter. Enclosed is the authorization to serve as counsel for Mr. Lee and the Committee.

The complaint alleges that the Committee gave Mr. McKeon a \$1,000 contribution check "with a 'no name' as payee from Caesar's World." To the extent that this statement implies that the Committee gave Mr. McKeon a blank check, it is patently wrong. The Committee sent a \$1,000 contribution check to Mr. McKeon in March 1992 which was imprinted with the Committee's name, address and identification number, and which had Mr. McKeon's name typed on it by the Treasurer in our office. (See copy enclosed.)

The complaint next asserts that the Committee gave the allegedly "blank" check to Mr. Gray with instructions to forward it to whomever he chose. This statement is also false. Mr. Gray asked the Committee on behalf of Mr. McKeon to contribute to his campaign; the Committee decided to do so; and the check was sent directly to Mr. McKeon. The Committee properly reported the contribution on its 3X report filed for the period. (See copy enclosed.)

Contrary to the allegations of the complaint, this transaction did not render the Committee's \$1,000 check an "earmarked" contribution from the Committee to Mr. Gray, because Mr. Gray was an authorized fundraiser for Mr. McKeon's campaign. (11 CFR section 110.6(b)(2)(i)(E).)

Helen Kim, Esq. December 17, 1992 Page 2 We are confident that this letter demonstrates that the Committee did not violate any provision of the Federal Election Campaign Act. Please feel free to call us with any questions or concerns. Sincerely, games R. Author James R. Sutton Counsel for the Committee JRS/dc Enclosures 50 6300.02 M 0 ON

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Dear Filing Officer:

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Enclosed herewith please find the original signed copy of the following for:

Caesars World Political Action Committee

for the period 3/01/92 through 3/31/92

Form 1

Form 3X

Amendment to above

Other:

Report to the Federal Election Commission sent by Certified Mail, Return Receipt Requested

Report(s) to state filing official(s) sent with Certificate of Mailing

Please endorse this transmittal letter as acknowledment of receipt of the enclosed report and return it in the stamped envelope provided.

CC: California

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For Other Than An Authorized Committee (Summary Page)

USE FEC MAILING LABEL OR TYPE OR PRINT

1. NAME OF COMMITTEE (in full)

Caesars World Political Action Committee

ADDRESS (number and street) Check if different than previously reported

591 Redwood Highway, #4000

CITY. STATE and ZIP CODE

Mill Valley, CA 94941 2. FEC IDENTIFICATION NUMBER

C00219717

This committee qualified as a multicandidate committee DURING THIS Reporting Period on

(date).

4. TYPE OF REPORT

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| | or Print Name of Treasurer | | |
| | ify that I have examined this Report and to the best of my knowledge complete. | e and belief it is true, correct | Toll Free 800-424-9530 Local 202-376-3120 |
| Debts and Obligations Owed BY the Committee (Itemize all on Schedule C and/or Schedule D) | | \$ -0- | 999 E Street, NW Washington, DC 20483 |
| - (1 | Debts and Obligations Owed TO the Committee Itemize all on Schedule C and/or Schedule D) | \$ -0- | For further information cont Federal Election Commission |
| | Cash on Hand at Close of Reporting Period (subtract Line 7 from Line 6(d)) | \$ 23,243.73 | \$ 23,243.73 |
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| | Lines 6(a) and 6(c) for Column B) | \$ 25,243.73 | \$ 27,490.66 |
| | c) Total Receipts (from Line 19) | \$ 43.58 | \$ 130.64 |
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ITEMIZED RECEIPTS

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FOR LINE NUMBER 17

NAME OF COMMITTEE (in Full)

SCHEDULE A

Other Receipts

Caesar's World Political Action Committee C00219717

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| Full Name Mailing Address | Name of Employer Occupation | Date MM/DD/YY | Amount |
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Caesar's World Political Action Committee C00219717

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| SANTA CLARITA, CA 91351- | Disbursement for [X]Primary 1992 | |
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| | COUNSEL: Colleen McAndrews | |
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| RESPONDEN | NT'S NAME: Howard "Buck" McKeon | |
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060 8052 FEDERAL ELECTION SIMMONS & MCANDREWS COMMISSION ATTORNEYS AND COUNSELORS AT LAW MAIN COPY ROOM 1441 FOURTH STREET SANTA MONICA, CALIFORNIA 90401 DEC 24 11 59 AH '92 COLLEEN CONWAY MCANDREWS JERRY MARGARET SIMMONS (310) 458-1405 FAX (310) 394-4028 December 23, 1992 Helen Kim Office of the General Counsel Federal Election Commission 999 E Street, NW Washington, D.C. 20463 Re: MUR 3720 Dear Ms. Kim: This office is counsel to Howard P. "Buck" McKeon and the Buck McKeon for Congress Committee. As we discussed on the telephone yesterday, Congressman Elect McKeon has been in Washington and only recently received your letter dated December 8, 1992. While I mentioned the possibility of requesting an extension of time in which to answer your letter of December 8th, it now appears that additional time will not be needed and the following information can be provided in response to your inquiry. Under separate cover, Congressman Elect McKeon is forwarding the Statement of Designation of Counsel naming this office. Mr. McKeon emphatically denies that he was given a \$1,000 donation by Caesar's World PAC with the payee blank. A copy of the check as received by Mr. McKeon and deposited in the campaign account on March 31, 1992 is attached. It clearly shows the payee as Buck McKeon for Congress. The contribution was solicited by Mr. Norman Gray. No transmittal correspondence can be located indicating whether the contribution came directly from the treasurer of Caesar's World PAC located in California or through another agent of Caesar's World PAC. Congressman Elect McKeon's public statement concerning the note attached to the check was merely a recitation from memory of a comment in the transmittal letter to the effect, "He must be a good man if you say so." This statement by Mr. McKeon was in response to an attack by his opponents during a debate that he

Ms. Helen Kim December 23, 1992 Page 2 had personally solicited gambling money when, in fact, the contribution had been legally solicited not by Mr. McKeon but by a member of the Finance Steering Committee, Mr. Norman Gray. It appears to have no relevancy to any legal issues. Mr. Norman Gray was an individual expressly authorized by the candidate to engage in fundraising. He occupied a significant position within the candidate's campaign organization as one of fifteen members of the Finance Steering Committee, each committed to raising substantial funds for Congressman McKeon's campaign. Mr. Gray acted in his individual capacity exercising his first amendment association rights to promote Mr. McKeon's candidacy for Congress. Under 11 CFR Section 110.6(b)(2)(i)(E), the contributions raised by Mr. Gray are not required to be designated as "earmarked." Lastly, the complaint asserts that Mr. McKeon "specifically directed" the filing of the complaint. Please refer to the newspaper article attachments to the complaint. His retort during a debate, "If you think there is a problem, file a complaint," was not related in any way to the Caesar's World PAC contribution or Mr. Norman Gray's fundraising. It is entirely specious and misleading to connect that statement to the activity which is the subject of the complaint. Mr. McKeon and his treasurer fully complied with all rules and regulations of the Federal Election Commission and would be happy to provide any further information requested by the Commission. Very truly yours, Collier (Mcarduny Colleen C. McAndrews Counsel for Congressman McKeon and the Buck McKeon for Congress Committee CCM:klm Enclosure

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| RESPONDENT'S NAME: | Roger Lee | | |
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Dear Ms. Kim:

This firm represents Norman J. Gray and New-Val Ford, Inc. dba Magic Ford in connection with the above-referenced matter. Enclosed please find your form entitled Statement of Designation of Counsel completed by our client and evidencing our authorization.

Your letter of December 8, 1992 addressed to our client along with the Complaint filed by the Committee to Elect James H. Gilmartin dated October 23, 1992 (the "Complaint") has been forwarded to the undersigned for a response. The allegations of the Complaint are categorically denied and are predicated on an erroneous statement of facts.

The allegation of the Complaint that Norman Gray relayed a Ceasars World Political Action Committee check payable to "no name" is flatly incorrect. The \$1,000.00 contribution in question made by the Ceasars World PAC was made by way of a check dated March 23, 1992 and expressly made payable to "Buck McKeon for Congress". Enclosed please find a photocopy of that check.

You should also be advised that Mr. Gray was a member of Mr. McKeon's Financing Steering Committee, was fully authorized by Mr. McKeon to engage in fund raising, and clearly occupied a significant position within Mr. McKeon's campaign organization. As a result, Mr. Gray was not and is not a conduit or intermediary within the meaning of 11 CFR Section 110.6(b)(2)(i)(E). Accordingly, the contributions raised by my client are not "earmarked contributions" and no violation of Section 110.6 occurred.

Helen Kim, Esq. December 23, 1992 Page Two Given the foregoing, we believe it should be apparent that there were no violations of the Federal Election Campaign Act and that your office should take no further action on the Complaint. In the event that you have any questions or comments or need any additional information, please contact me directly and we will be happy to cooperate. Very truly yours, DONALD H. CRANE DHC/kt Enclosures cc: Norman J. Gray

STATEMENT OF DESIGNATION OF COUNSEL

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RESPONDENT'S NAME: Norman J. Gray

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FOR THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS PERTINENT TO THIS CASE

- 1. Memo, General Counsel to the Commission, dated September 22, 1992, Subject: Priority System Report. See Reel 354, pages 1590-94.
- Memo, General Counsel to the Commission, dated
 April 14, 1993, Subject: Enforcement Priority System.
 See Reel 354, pages 1595-1620.
- Certification of Commission vote, dated April 28, 1993.
 Reel 354, pages 1621-22.
- General Counsel's Report, In the Matter of Enforcement Priority, dated December 3, 1993.
 Reel 354, pages 1623-1740.
- Certification of Commission vote, dated December 9, 1993.
 See Reel 354, pages 1741-1746.



WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

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Colleen McAndrews Simmons & McAndrews 1441 Fourth Street Santa Monica, CA 90401

RE: MUR 3720

Howard "Buck" McKeon, the Buck McKeon for Congress Committee and Daralyn E. Reed, as treasurer

Dear Ms. McAndrews:

On December 8, 1992, the Federal Election Commission notified your clients of a complaint alleging certain violations of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended. A copy of the complaint was enclosed with that notification.

After considering the circumstances of this matter, the Commission has determined to exercise its prosecutorial discretion and to take no action against Howard "Buck" McKeon, the Buck McKeon for Congress Committee and Daralyn E. Reed, as treasurer. See attached narrative. Accordingly, the Commission closed its file in this matter.

The confidentiality provisions of 2 U.S.C. \$ 437g(a)(12) no longer apply and this matter is now public. In addition, although the complete file must be placed on the public record within 30 days, this could occur at any time following certification of the Commission's vote. If you wish to submit any factual or legal materials to appear on the public record, please do so as soon as possible. While the file may be placed on the public record prior to receipt of your additional materials, any permissible submissions will be added to the public record when received.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (202) 219-3690.

Sincerely,

Debarah L. Rice

Deborah L. Rice Staff Member

Attachment Narrative

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Date the Commission voted to close the file:

This matter was initiated by a complaint filed by Robert L. Funk. The complaint alleges that Ceasars World FAC sent Norm Gray, a fundraiser for Buck McKeon for Congress ("Committee"), a check for \$1,000, but left the payee line blank. The respondents claim that the check was made out to the Committee.



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The confidentiality provisions of 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(12) no longer apply and this matter is now public. In addition, although the complete file must be placed on the public record within 30 days, this could occur at any time following certification of the Commission's vote. If you wish to submit any factual or legal materials to appear on the public record, please do so as soon as possible. While the file may be placed on the public record prior to receipt of your additional materials, any permissible submissions will be added to the public record when received.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (202) 219-3690.

Sincerely,

Deborah L. Rice Staff Member

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Attachment Narrative

Date the Commission voted to close the file:

DEC 0 9 1993

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James R. Sutton Nielsen, Merksamer, Parrinello, Mueller & Naylor 591 Redwood Highway, #4000 Mill Valley, CA 94941

RE: MUR 3720

Caesar's World PAC and Roger Lee, as treasurer

Dear Mr. Sutton:

On December 8, 1992, the Federal Election Commission notified your clients of a complaint alleging certain violations of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended. A copy of the complaint was enclosed with that notification.

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CERTIFIED MAIL RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Robert L. Funk 27246 Garza Drive Saugus, CA 91350

RE: MUR 3720

Dear Mr. Funk:

On December 1, 1992, the Federal Election Commission received your complaint alleging certain violations of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended ("the Act").

After considering the circumstances of this matter, the Commission has determined to exercise its prosecutorial discretion and to take no action against Howard McKeon, the Buck McKeon for Congress Committee and Daralyn E. Reed, as treasurer, Norman J. Gray, New-Val Ford, Inc. d.b.a. Magic Ford, and Caesar's World PAC and Roger Lee, as treasurer. See attached narrative. Accordingly, the Commission closed its file in this matter. This matter will become part of the public record within 30 days.

The Act allows a complainant to seek judicial review of the Commission's dismissal of this action. See 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(8).

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