



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

THIS IS THE BEGINNING OF MUR # 4243

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DATE: August 8, 1995

MUR 4243

TO: Federal Election Commission, General Counsel
Mr. Greg Scott

FROM: Bret Barnecut
4714 Ballard Avenue NW, Suite 206
Seattle, WA 98107-4850
FAX (206) 283-1419

RE: Violations of Federal & State Campaign Finance Laws
by "SOS"
P.O. Box 11181
Tacoma, WA 98411-0181

I am attaching - and faxing - documents #1, #2, and #3 - several "Save Our Sealife" Public Disclosure Commission filing reports as documentation of what I believe to be clear violations of Federal and State Campaign Finance Laws.

The documents are from the Washington State Public Disclosure Commission.

Document #1: State of Washington Political Disclosure Commission Report

12th entry on the form is for Champion Marine, Inc., from Kelowna, British Columbia; clearly a foreign corporation, which is prohibited by Federal Law from making contributions.

2 U.S.C. 441e; 11 CFR 110.4(a) and 110.9(a).

Document #2: State of Washington Political Disclosure Commission Report

The single largest contributor, which has contributed \$30,000 cash - "The Columbia River Alliance" - has conspicuously omitted any reference to its last-known, out-of-state address.

My understanding is that any contribution of \$100. or more requires disclosure of name, place of work, and address.

The idea of public disclosure is that who these corporations or people are should be information readily available to the public. The money trail should be easily traced by citizens, which is currently not possible.

As filed, this group evades identifying the biggest financial contributors.

Document #3: State of Washington Political Disclosure Commission Report

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No addresses or place of work listed for the contributors - but were their checks cashed? (just kidding).

Continued non-compliance with the law.

Key issues:

(1) These are experienced paid-signature-gatherers, with several years of campaigning behind them. Having so many repeated omissions and errors - violations of the campaign process - looks like deliberate contempt.

(2) Following the money trail is impossible when the membership of "The Columbia River Alliance" has been not identified.

The campaign manager for "SOS", Sherry Bockwinkel, has been publicly quoted as saying: "I'll take money from anybody." It seems that "SOS" did just that by accepting financial aid from a foreign corporation.

Summary:

This is a citizen's arena, and concerned citizens might vote very differently if these Public Disclosure Commission reports were complete and accurate.

Signed, Bret M Barnecut

Bret M Barnecut

State of Washington
County of King

Signed and sworn to before me on August 8, 1995 by

Bret M Barnecut

Kathryn L. Monsen
Signature of Notary Public

Kathryn L. Monsen

My appointment expires 8-1-96

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Exhibit ①

PRIME NAME	ADDRESS	CITY	ST	DONATION	VTOT	EMPLOYEE'S NAME & ADD.
Johnny Brown	4805 - 80th St NW	Oly Harbor	WA	25.00	25.00	
James Chapman	2111 E 24th	Bremerton	WA	25.00	25.00	
Dorothy Degarner	870 NE Riddell Dr	Bremerton	WA	10.00	100.00	
Bob Fell	2131 Sunset Hwy N	E. Wenatche	WA	300.00	300.00	
WFS Fire Extinguisher Service	PO Box 3005	Bremerton	WA	25.00	25.00	
Glenn Jostad	2823 Helmer Ave	Bremerton	WA	100.00	100.00	
Witz Jorg	PO Box 1188	Poulsbo	WA	100.00	100.00	
Richard Kelstrup	2458 Rocky Point	Bremerton	WA	25.00	25.00	
Dave Kingle	PO Box 85	Manchester	WA	15.00	15.00	
Robert Lomke	4801 Montclair Dr SE	Lacey	WA	25.00	25.00	
Michael Lyon	4426 108th St SE	Everett	WA	25.00	25.00	
Champs Marine Inc	200 Campion Road	Kelowna	B C	750.00	750.00	
Starling Market Baste	PO Box 1725	Woodinville	WA	100.00	100.00	
Bill Olson	2853 Lodge Pole Dr SE	Port Orchard	WA	15.00	15.00	
John Oulsenberry	PO Box 109	Port Orchard	WA	100.00	0.00	
Doug Runtz	8745 - 35th Ave SW	Seattle	WA	25.00	25.00	
Jay Rusting	1834 Kilmory Way SE	Bellevue	WA	100.00	100.00	
Paul Sadler	8828 - 230th Pl NW	Stanwood	WA	100.00	100.00	
Joseph Sambataro Jr	709 Birch Pl	Edmonds	WA	25.00	25.00	
Dorothy Schile	215 SW Wilbur Dr	Port Orchard	WA	25.00	25.00	
Don Schomberg	1950 NE Riddell Road	Bremerton	WA	25.00	25.00	
Shirley Teach	PO Box 1108	Paclet	WA	10.00	10.00	
WFS Wolf	2101 Berry St NE	Olympia	WA	10.00	10.00	
				20.00		

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Exhibit 5(2)

CASH RECEIPTS MONETARY CONTRIBUTIONS

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RECEIVED
JUN 12 1955
Public Health Commission

Pay to the order of

P.O. Box 11181

Texas, Wt 944 - 218

Other funds received

NA

1. MONETARY CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED IN ACCOUNT

Date Received	Source of gift money is in	Amount	Total
	a. Anonymous		
	b. Contributor's personal funds (attach to back (show conditions here if any)		
	c. Loans, notes, security agreements, etc. (attach schedule)		
	d. Miscellaneous receipts (interest, dividends, etc.) (attach explanation)		
	e. Grant contributions (attach copy of grant and number of persons going) (attach)	200.00	

2. CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED OVER \$100.00

Date Received	Contributor's Name, Address, City, State, Zip	Contributions of \$100 or more Employer's Name, City and State	Amount	Aggregate Total
7/1/55	Columbia River Alliance		5,300.00	30,000.00
		Company		
		Company		
		Company		
		Company		
		Company		
		Company		
		Company		

☐ Check here if additional pages are attached

By:
Amount:
Number of pages:

* See
Revenue
For Details

3. OTHER RECEIPTS (attach schedule and explanation of receipts to back)

4. TOTAL RECEIPTS (Sum of 1, 2, and 3) (Check box if correct) (Sum of 1, 2, and 3)

5. TOTAL RECEIPTS (Sum of 1, 2, and 3) (Check box if correct) (Sum of 1, 2, and 3)

Amount:
Number of pages:

JUN 13 1995

Exhibit ③

SOS CS report

5/31/95

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DATE	DONATION	YTD	FNAME	NAME	ADDRESS	CITY	ST.
5/31/95	100.00	100.00		Bremerton (Central) Lions Club	PO Box 353	Bremerton	WA
5/31/95	25.00	25.00	Gayle	Crocker	2010 E Main	Pokane	WA
5/31/95	15.00	15.00	Robert	Geyer	6801 - 7th St W	Spokane	WA
5/31/95	10.00	10.00	Walter	Halverson	PO Box 1005	Freeland	WA
5/31/95	20.00	20.00	Dave	Hansen	2900 E 10th St	Spokane	WA
5/31/95	20.00	75.00	Jon	Hanson	12204 - 87th Ave NE	Everett	WA
5/31/95	25.00	25.00	John	Horn/Pharm Data	10021 - 7th Ave W	Edmonds	WA
5/31/95	100.00	100.00	John	Marble, Jr.	1913 Broadway	Everett	WA
5/31/95	100.00	100.00	John	Marble, Sr.	212 Skyline Drive	Everett	WA
5/31/95	20.00	420.00	Jim	McClip	1616 Camden Park Rd	Olympia	WA
5/31/95	1000.00	1000.00	Samuel	Millam, Jr. M.D.	2210 Grandview Blvd	Olympia	WA
5/31/95	2500.00	7050.00	Jerry	Reiberger	2121 Reader Ave	Bellingham	WA
5/31/95	25.00	115.00	Joseph	Sanderson, Jr.	700 Bluff Pt	Edmonds	WA
5/31/95	500.00	500.00	Don	Schomburg	1000 NE Riddell	Bremerton	WA
5/31/95	2000.00	2000.00		Shingora American Corporation	PO Box 10015	San Jose	CA
5/31/95	25.00	50.00	Richard	Smith	2307 - 4th Drive NE	Marysville	WA
5/31/95	3.00	3.00	Doug	Stanton	1115 Dondie Ct	Bellingham	WA
5/31/95	20.00	120.00	George	Teddy	1801 - D East Bay Dr	Olympia	WA
5/31/95	100.00	100.00	Susan &	Tuggle	3002 Hampton Lane W	Turnwater	WA
5/31/95	10.00	10.00	Roger	Meyer	22125 NE Apollo Dr	Poulsbo	WA
5/31/95	50.00	50.00		Puget Sound Sports Center	527 Devos St	Olympia	WA
5/31/95	200.00	200.00	Tonda	Turnbow/Tom's Outboard, Inc.	221 East Bay Dr	Olympia	WA
5/31/95	30.00	30.00	L. K.	Milburn	6410 Sierra Drive SE	Lacey	WA
5/31/95	1000.00	1000.00		Cruisin Boats			
5/31/95	120.53	120.53		sale of hats & buttons			
5/31/95	5020.53						



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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

August 16, 1995

Bret Barnecut
4714 Ballard Avenue NW
Suite 206
Seattle, WA 98107-4850

RE: MUR 4243

Dear Mr. Barnecut:

This letter acknowledges receipt on August 11, 1995, of your complaint alleging possible violations of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended ("the Act"). The respondent(s) will be notified of this complaint within five days.

You will be notified as soon as the Federal Election Commission takes final action on your complaint. Should you receive any additional information in this matter, please forward it to the Office of the General Counsel. Such information must be sworn to in the same manner as the original complaint. We have numbered this matter MUR 4243. Please refer to this number in all future communications. For your information, we have attached a brief description of the Commission's procedures for handling complaints.

Sincerely,

Mary L. Taksar

Mary L. Taksar, Attorney
Central Enforcement Docket

Enclosure
Procedures

Celebrating the Commission's 20th Anniversary

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

August 16, 1995

Sherry Bockwinkel
Save Our Sealife
3640 S. Cedar Street
Tacoma, WA 98409

RE: MUR 4243

Dear Ms. Bockwinkel:

The Federal Election Commission received a complaint which indicates that Save Our Sealife 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 4243. 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 Save Our Sealife 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.

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If you have any questions, please contact me at (202) 219-3400. For your information, we have enclosed a brief description of the Commission's procedures for handling complaints.

Sincerely,

Mary L. Taksar

Mary L. Taksar, Attorney
Central Enforcement Docket

Enclosures

1. Complaint
2. Procedures
3. Designation of Counsel Statement

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

August 15, 1995

President
Champion Marine, Inc.
200 Campion Road
Kelowna, B.C. V1V1L9

RE: MUR 4243

Dear Sir or Madam:

The Federal Election Commission received a complaint which indicates that Champion Marine, Inc. 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 4243. 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 Champion Marine, Inc. 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.

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Mary L. Taksar

Mary L. Taksar, Attorney
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September 6, 1995

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Ms. Mary L. Tahner, Attorney
Central Enforcement Docket
Federal Elections Commission
999 E Street, N.W.
Washington, DC. 20463

RE: MUR 4243

Dear Ms. Tahner:

This letter is in response to your letter of August 16, 1995 addressed to Ms. Sherry Bockwinkel. Ms. Bockwinkel is no longer associated with the Save Our Sealife campaign which delayed my receipt of your letter. I am the Treasurer and Registered Agent of this campaign and have been since inception. Correspondence should be addressed to me at our campaign office address shown on our stationary.

Save Our Sealife is an initiative to the people as authorized in the Washington State Constitution. Its purpose is to modify certain Washington State statutes related to fisheries management. While we are familiar with Washington laws and regulations, we do not know how federal election laws relate to Washington State initiative campaigns and we have not had an opportunity to consult with legal counsel.

As to the issues in the complaint. First, we did receive a \$750 contribution from Campeon Marine, Inc. from British Columbia. This company sells boats in Washington and, along with the rest of the multi-million dollar boating and recreational fishing industry in Washington, has been adversely affected by the gross mismanagement of Washington's fisheries resources. If legal counsel advises that there is anything improper in this contribution, we will return it promptly. I will advise you as soon as we have had an opportunity to consult with legal counsel.

Second, I did not include the address for the Columbia River Alliance because I did not have it readily available the night I completed the form. The Washington Public Disclosure Commission requires these forms be submitted by the tenth of each month and I was more concerned with meeting that deadline. We received the original \$5000 contribution from CRA on January 27, 1995 and their address is fully disclosed on our PDC Form C-3 for January 1995. This is really a "nit" since our opposition has continuously and falsely accused this campaign of being a front for the CRA. They must know who CRA is and where they are.

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Finally, the issue of our PDC forms is a matter for the Washington Public Disclosure Commission to deal with. We have always tried to make our reports as complete as possible. But, I am a part-time Treasurer and this is a grass roots campaign. I am not a paid professional as asserted in the complaint.

The facts are that we include more information on our PDC forms than we are required to. We need only disclose the names and addresses of contributors who give us over \$25 but we disclose all contributors regardless of amount as long as we have the information. We are very proud of our grass roots support and we want people to know it. Likewise, we need only identify expenses which exceed \$50 yet we list all vendors regardless of amount. Our supporters deserve to know how we are spending their money.

Again, I apologize for my tardy response. I don't know why your letter was addressed to Ms. Bockwinkel but all future correspondence should be addressed to me. I will inform you of our intentions regarding the contribution from Campion Marine after we receive legal advice. Otherwise, absent any further correspondence from you, I will consider my explanations satisfactory regarding the other two issues.

Sincerely,



Steven A. Marcotte, Treasurer
Initiative 640 Save Our Sealife

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BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

FEB 6 12 10 PM '96

In the Matter of

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) Enforcement Priority
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GENERAL COUNSEL'S REPORT

I. INTRODUCTION

This report is the General Counsel's Report to recommend that the Commission no longer pursue the identified lower priority and stale cases under the Enforcement Priority System.

II. CASES RECOMMENDED FOR CLOSING

A. Cases Not Warranting Further Pursuit Relative to Other Cases Pending Before the Commission

A critical component of the Priority System is identifying those pending cases that do not warrant the further expenditure of resources. Each incoming matter is evaluated using Commission-approved criteria and cases that, based on their rating, do not warrant pursuit relative to other pending cases are placed in this category. By closing such cases, the Commission is able to use its limited resources to focus on more important cases.

Having evaluated incoming matters, this Office has identified 10 cases which do not warrant further pursuit relative to the other pending cases.¹ A short description of each case and the factors leading to assignment of a relatively

1. These matters are: MUR 4165 (Attachment 2); MUR 4187 (Attachment 3); MUR 4188 (Attachment 4); MUR 4199 (Attachment 5); MUR 4211 (Attachment 6); MUR 4212 (Attachment 7); MUR 4216 (Attachment 8); MUR 4224 (Attachment 9); MUR 4243 (Attachment 10); MUR 4245 (Attachment 11).

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low priority and consequent recommendation not to pursue each case is attached to this report. See Attachments 2-11. As the Commission requested, this Office has attached the responses to the complaints for the externally-generated matters and the referrals for matters referred by the Reports Analysis Division in instances where this information was not previously circulated. See Attachments 2-11.

B. Stale Cases

Investigations are severely impeded and require relatively more resources when the activity and evidence are old. Consequently, the Office of General Counsel recommends that the Commission focus its efforts on cases involving more recent activity. Such efforts will also generate more impact on the current electoral process and are a more efficient allocation of our limited resources. To this end, this Office has identified 33 cases that

do not

warrant further investment of significant Commission resources.²

2. These matters are: PM 308 (Attachment 12); RAD 94L-29 (Attachment 13); RAD 94L-34 (Attachment 14); RAD 94NF-10 (Attachment 15); RAD 94NF-13 (Attachment 16); MUR 4027 (Attachment 17); MUR 4028 (Attachment 18); MUR 4033 (Attachment 19); MUR 4042 (Attachment 20); MUR 4045 (Attachment 21); MUR 4047 (Attachment 22); MUR 4049 (Attachment 23); MUR 4057 (Attachment 24); MUR 4059 (Attachment 25); MUR 4062 (Attachment 26); MUR 4065 (Attachment 27); MUR 4066 (Attachment 28); MUR 4067 (Attachment 29); MUR 4069 (Attachment 30); MUR 4070 (Attachment 31); MUR 4077 (Attachment 32); MUR 4079 (Attachment 33); MUR 4086 (Attachment 34); MUR 4089 (Attachment 35); MUR 4095 (Attachment 36); MUR 4099 (Attachment 37); MUR 4102 (Attachment 38); MUR 4104 (Attachment 39); MUR 4111 (Attachment 40); MUR 4113 (Attachment 41); MUR 4117 (Attachment 42); MUR 4127 (Attachment 43); and MUR 4132 (Attachment 44).

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Since the recommendation not to pursue the identified cases is based on staleness, this Office has not prepared separate narratives for these cases. As the Commission requested, the responses to the complaints for the externally-generated matters and the referrals for the internally-generated matters are attached to the report in instances where this information was not previously circulated. See Attachments 12-44.

This Office recommends that the Commission exercise its prosecutorial discretion and no longer pursue the cases listed below in Section III.A and III.B effective February 13, 1996. By closing the cases effective February 13, 1996, CED and the Legal Review Team will respectively have the additional time necessary for preparing the closing letters and the case files for the public record.

III. RECOMMENDATIONS

A. Decline to open a MUR and close the file effective February 13, 1996 in the following matters:

- 1) PM 308
- 2) RAD 94L-29
- 3) RAD 94L-34
- 4) RAD 94NF-10
- 5) RAD 94NF-13

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B. Take no action, close the file effective February 13, 1996, and approve the appropriate letter in the following matters:

- 1) MUR 4027
- 2) MUR 4028
- 3) MUR 4033
- 4) MUR 4042
- 5) MUR 4045
- 6) MUR 4047
- 7) MUR 4049
- 8) MUR 4057
- 9) MUR 4059
- 10) MUR 4062
- 11) MUR 4065
- 12) MUR 4066
- 13) MUR 4067
- 14) MUR 4069
- 15) MUR 4070
- 16) MUR 4077
- 17) MUR 4079
- 18) MUR 4086
- 19) MUR 4089
- 20) MUR 4095
- 21) MUR 4099
- 22) MUR 4102
- 23) MUR 4104
- 24) MUR 4111
- 25) MUR 4113
- 26) MUR 4117
- 27) MUR 4127
- 28) MUR 4132
- 29) MUR 4165
- 30) MUR 4187
- 31) MUR 4188
- 32) MUR 4199
- 33) MUR 4211
- 34) MUR 4212
- 35) MUR 4216
- 36) MUR 4224
- 37) MUR 4243
- 38) MUR 4245

Date

2/6/96

Lawrence M. Noble
General Counsel

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In the Matter of)
) Agenda Document #X96-13
Enforcement Priority)

CORRECTED CERTIFICATION

I, Marjorie W. Emmons, recording secretary for the Federal Election Commission, do hereby certify that the Commission decided by votes of 4-0 to take the following action in the above-captioned matter:

- A. Decline to open a MUR and close the file effective March 5, 1996, in the following matters:
- 1) PM 308
 - 2) RAD 94L-29
 - 3) RAD 94L-34
 - 4) RAD 94NF-10
 - 5) RAD 94NF-13
- B. Take no action, close the file effective March 5, 1996, and approve appropriate letter in the following matters:
- 1) MUR 4027
 - 2) MUR 4028
 - 3) MUR 4033
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 - 5) MUR 4045
 - 6) MUR 4047
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10) NUR 4062
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37) NUR 4243
38) NUR 4245

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Commissioners Aikens, Elliott, McDonald, and Thomas
voted affirmatively on the above-noted decisions.
Commissioner McGarry was not present.

Attest:

3/7/96
Date

Marjorie W. Emmons
Marjorie W. Emmons
Secretary of the Commission

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

March 7, 1996

CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Bret Barnecut
4714 Ballard Avenue, NW
Suite 206
Seattle, WA 98107-4850

RE: MUR 4243

Dear Mr. Barnecut

On August 11, 1995, 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 the respondents. See attached narrative. Accordingly, the Commission closed its file in this matter on March 5, 1996. 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).

Sincerely,

Mary L. Takser
(704)

Mary L. Takser, Attorney
Central Enforcement Docket

Attachment
Narrative

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MUR 4243
SAVE OUR SEALIFE

Bret Barnecut filed a complaint alleging that the organization Save Our Sealife has violated FECA by accepting a corporate contribution in the amount of \$750 from a foreign-owned company, Champion Marine, Inc. of Kelowna, British Columbia.

Save Our Sealife responds that it is a Washington State initiative campaign with the purpose of modifying certain state statutes related to fisheries management. The respondent indicates that it received a \$750 contribution from Champion Marine, Inc. and that it was unaware of the prohibition regarding contributions from foreign-owned companies. According to the respondent, the organization is seeking advice from legal counsel and will refund the contribution if it is determined that the contribution at issue is illegal.

This matter involves a limited amount of money and is less significant relative to other matters pending before the Commission.

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

March 7, 1996

**Steven A. Marcotte, Treasurer
Initiative 640 Save Our Sealife
3640 S Cedar Street, Suite Y
Tacoma, WA 98409**

RE: MUR 4243

Dear Mr. Marcotte:

On August 16, 1995, the Federal Election Commission notified Save Our Sealife 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 Save Our Sealife. See attached narrative. Accordingly, the Commission closed its file in this matter on March 4, 1996.

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.

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Mr. Marcotte
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Sincerely

Mary L. Taksar (FBI)

Mary L. Taksar, Attorney
Central Enforcement Docket

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

March 7, 1996

**President
Champion Marine, Inc.
200 Campion Road
Kelowna, BC V1V1L9**

RE: MUR 4243

Dear Sir or Madam:

On August 16, 1995, the Federal Election Commission notified Champion Marine, Inc. 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 Champion Marine, Inc. See attached narrative. Accordingly, the Commission closed its file in this matter on March 5, 1996.

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.

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If you have any questions, please contact Alva E. Smith at
(202) 219-3400.

Sincerely,

Mary L. Taksar (JBT)

Mary L. Taksar, Attorney
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