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Democratic National Committee
430 S. Capitol Street, S.E.
Washington, D.C. 20003

RE: MUR 4250
Republican National Committee
National Policy Forum
Haley R. Barbour

Dear Mr. Sandler:

This is in reference to the complaint you filed with the Federal Election Commission on August 23, 1995, and the amendment to the complaint filed on May 13, 1997, concerning the Republican National Committee and the National Policy Forum.

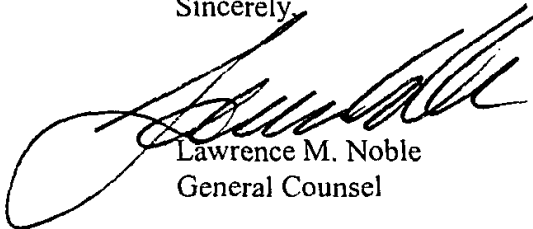
Based on the supplement to your complaint, on June 17, 1997, the Commission found that there was reason to believe the RNC and its treasurer Alec Poitevint, violated 2 U.S.C. § 441e, a provision of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended, in connection with the solicitation and receipt of loan proceeds secured with foreign national collateral. On the same date, however, the Commission failed to find reason to believe the RNC and its treasurer violated 2 U.S.C. §§ 441a(f), 441b(a) or 434(a)(1), or 11 C.F.R. §§ 102.5(a)(1) or 106.5(g)(1), resulting from the RNC's activities concerning the National Policy Forum addressed in your initial complaint. No separate recommendations were made concerning the National Policy Forum. Accordingly, the Commission instituted an investigation concerning only the Section 441e violation. Based on information discovered during the course of its investigation, on June 2, 1998, the Commission additionally found reason to believe Haley R. Barbour violated 2 U.S.C. § 441e in connection with the solicitation and receipt of loan proceeds secured with foreign national collateral.

After an investigation was concluded and the General Counsel's Brief and the respondents' Briefs were considered, the Commission, on November 18, 1999, deadlocked on whether there is probable cause to believe that the RNC, its treasurer or Mr. Barbour violated 2 U.S.C. § 441e. Accordingly, the file in this matter was closed on November 30, 1999. A Statement of Reasons explaining the Commission's decision will follow.

This matter will become part of the public record within 30 days. The Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended, allows a complainant to seek judicial review of the Commission's dismissal of this action. *See* 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(8).

If you have any questions, please contact Jose M. Rodriguez, the attorney assigned to this matter, at (202) 694-1650.

Sincerely,



Lawrence M. Noble
General Counsel

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