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BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
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In the matter of:

Francis Thompson for Congress
and Tommy B. Bradley, Treasurer

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COMPLAINT

NOW COMES, the National Republican Congressional Committee by its Executive Director, Maria Cino, whose principal office is located at 320 First Street, S.E., Washington, D.C. 20003 to file this Complaint pursuant to 2 U.S.C. 437g(a) (1) and 11 C.F.R. 111.4 relative to certain activity of the Francis Thompson for Congress campaign committee and Tommy B. Bradley, Treasurer of P. O. Box 181, Delhi, La. 71232 hereinafter referred to as "Thompson Committee".

FACTS

The "Thompson Committee" is the principal campaign committee of candidate for the House of Representatives, Louisiana 5, Francis C. Thompson. The "Thompson Committee" filed a FEC report of receipts and disbursements at the FEC on April 15, 1996 covering the period 2-26-96 through 3-31-96 "Exhibit A". That report indicates, during that period, the committee received \$121,850.00 in contributions and had \$350.00 in disbursements. The report indicates the entire disbursement was payment to the Democratic State Central Committee of Louisiana. The disbursement was for campaign work and a PAC workbook. That report contains no Schedule D listing any debts and obligations. Also that report lists no disbursements for expenses ordinarily incurred in fundraising such as postage, office supplies, phone bills, etc.

A news article by John Hill (Monroe, La. News-Star) on 4-23-96, attached hereto and marked "Exhibit B", indicates that state Rep. Francis Thompson paid for a poll run by Marketing Research Institute (MRI) of Pensacola Fla. in March. An invoice of MRI, attached hereto and marked "Exhibit C", indicates the invoice was sent on 3-4-96 and was paid on 4-5. The invoice is directed to Francis Thompson and is for a survey conducted in Louisiana 5th Congressional District.

On 4-30-96, a fax, marked "Exhibit D", was sent from the office of State Representative Francis C. Thompson, State of Louisiana House of Representatives. That fax enclosed a page, marked "Exhibit D-1", containing much of the language and statistics contained in the newspaper article. Upon information and belief, candidate Thompson has

no campaign headquarters for either his Federal or State campaign committees and uses his official state office for campaign purposes.

During the weekend of May 4 and 5, 1996 candidate Thompson was present at the Columbia Riverboat Festival in Columbia, La. passing out campaign material. He displayed materials including a large canvas-type banner and yard signs. These items advocated his election and displayed no disclaimer whatsoever. See "Exhibit E" a photo of the large canvas banner on which is printed "Thompson Congress" and lacks a disclaimer, and "Exhibit F" a yard sign on which is printed "Rep. Francis Thompson A Proven Lawmaker" and also lacks a disclaimer.

THE VIOLATIONS AND THE LAW

1. The "Thompson Committee" and Treasurer Tommy B. Bradley violated 11 C.F.R. §104.3 (d) and §104.11 (a) & (b) in filing the F.E.C. report on April 15, 1996, in that the report failed to include the debt of \$8,000.00 which was due and owing on 3-31-96 the last day the report covers. The invoice requesting payment was sent to the committee, some twenty seven days prior to 3-31-96, on 3-4-96. Since the debt is over \$500.00 it had to be included as a debt in the report.

11 C.F.R. (d) Reporting debts and obligations states: Each report filed under 11 CFR 104.1 shall, on Schedule C or D, as appropriate, disclose the amount and nature of outstanding debts and obligations owed by or to the reporting committee.....

11 C.F.R. (a) & (b) Continuous reporting of debts and obligations state: (a) Debts and obligations owed by or to a political committee which remain outstanding shall be continuously reported until extinguished..... (b).....A debt or obligation, including a loan, written contract, written promise or written agreement to make an expenditure, the amount of which is over \$500.00 shall be reported as of the date on which the debt or obligation is incurred.....

2. Upon information and belief the "Thompson Committee" and Treasurer Tommy B. Bradley violated 11 C.F.R. 104.3 (b). The committee showed no disbursements at all for expenses ordinarily incurred in fundraising, and yet raised \$121,850.00, with most contributions being \$1000 or under. It is reasonable to conclude that there was cost incurred in this fundraising. There must be costs for phones, stationery, stamps or at least one of the same. It is inconceivable there was zero cost. In the alternative if the candidates state campaign committee paid the federal fundraising disbursements there is a violation of 11 C.F.R. 110.3(d) because the state committee would be making an illegal in kind contribution to the federal committee. In the alternative if the fundraising were done using State of Louisiana House of Representatives facilities including phones, postage, fax, and /or stationery there would be violations of state law. Your complainant is unsure and mystified as to how \$121,850.00 could be raised without spending a dime. There has to be a violation.

11 C.F.R. 104.3 (b) Reporting of disbursements states: Except for reports filed in accordance with 11 CFR 104.17 each report filed under 11 CFR 104.1 shall disclose the total amount of all disbursements for the reporting period and for the calendar year.....

11 C.F.R. 110.9 (d) Transfers from nonfederal to federal campaigns states: Transfers of funds or assets from a candidate's campaign committee or account for a nonfederal election to his or her principal campaign committee or other authorized committee for as federal election are prohibited.....

3. The failure to include a disclaimer on the yard signs and large canvas-type banner are a violation of 11 C.F.R. 110.11 (a)(1). These failures are further violations by the "Campaign Committee" of 11 C.F.R.

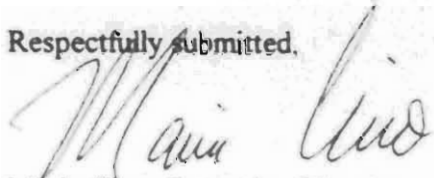
Sec 110.11 Communications; advertising states: (a)(1) General rules. Except as provided at paragraph (a) (6) of this section, whenever any person makes an expenditure for the purpose of financing a communication that expressly advocates the election or defeat of a clearly identified candidate, or that solicits any contribution, through any.....poster, yard sign.....a disclaimershall appear and be presented in a clear and conspicuous manner to give the reader, observer or listener adequate notice of the identity of persons who paid for and, where required, who authorized the communication.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

Therefore, NRCC further requests, that the Federal Election Commission investigate these violations and find violations of the above mentioned sections of 11 C.F.R. and assess all appropriate penalties for said violations in accordance with 2 U.S.C. 437 (a) (5) (A).

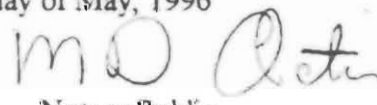
The above statement are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

Respectfully submitted,


Maria Cino, Executive Director

District of Columbia

Subscribed and Sworn before me this 6 day of May, 1996


Notary Public

M. D. Acton
Notary Public, District of Columbia
My Commission Expires July 14, 1999

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STATEMENT OF ORGANIZATION

(See instructions on back of form)

MAILED
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NAME OF CANDIDATE OR OFFICIAL Francis Thompson for Congress		☐ If this is a change of name
ON NUMBER AND STREET ADDRESS P. O. Box 332 Delhi, La. 71332		☐ If this address is changed
NAME OF CANDIDATE OR OFFICIAL Francis Thompson		APPLICANT'S NAME Applied for
		NAME OF CANDIDATE OR OFFICIAL ☐ YES ☐ NO

A. TYPE OF COMMITTEE (Check one)

- ☒ (a) This committee is a general campaign committee. (Complete the candidate information below.)
- ☐ (b) This committee is an authorized committee, and is NOT a general campaign committee. (Complete the candidate information below.)
- | | | | |
|---------------------------------------|---|---|---------------------------|
| NAME OF CANDIDATE
Francis Thompson | CANDIDATE POLITICAL AFFILIATION
Democrat | OFFICE BEING
U.S. House of Representatives | STATE OF CANDIDATE
La. |
|---------------------------------------|---|---|---------------------------|
- ☐ (c) This committee supports/opposes only one candidate. (Name of candidate) _____ and is NOT an authorized committee.
- ☐ (d) This committee is a _____ committee of the _____ Party.
(Political, State or national) (Democrat, Republican, etc.)
- ☐ (e) This committee is a separate segregated fund.
- ☐ (f) This committee supports/opposes more than one Federal candidate and is NOT a separate segregated fund or a party committee.

NAME OF ANY DOMESTIC ORGANIZATION OR AFFILIATE ORGANIZATION	MAILING ADDRESS AND ZIP CODE	RELATIONSHIP
Type of Domestic Organization ☒ Corporation ☐ Corporation with Capital Stock ☐ Labor Organization ☐ Membership Organization ☐ Trade Association ☐ Commission		
B. Treasurer Let the name and address (phone number) - address and position of the person in possession of committee funds and assets.		
Full Name Tommy B. Bradley	Mailing Address P. O. Box 181, Delhi, La. 71332	Title or Position Treasurer
C. Secretary Let the name and address (phone number) - address and position of the person in possession of committee funds and assets.		
Full Name Tommy B. Bradley	Mailing Address P. O. Box 181, Delhi, La. 71332	Title or Position Treasurer
D. Banks or Other Depositories: List all banks or other depositories where the committee deposits its funds, and the name and address of any depository.		
Name of Bank, Depository, etc. Capital Bank	Mailing Address and ZIP Code P. O. Box 181, Delhi, La. 71332	

I certify that I have examined the Statement and the facts of my organization and that it is true, correct and complete.

NAME OR PRINT NAME OF TREASURER: Tommy B. Bradley

SIGNATURE OF TREASURER: [Signature]

DATE: [Date]

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STATEMENT OF CANDIDACY

(See instructions on the back of this form)

FILE
MAR 1999

CANDIDATE'S NAME
Francis C. Thompson
In Address number and street

☐ Check if filing jointly

P. O. Box 322
in City State and ZIP Code
Bulhi, Louisiana 71232
1 Party Affiliation

FUNCTIONS
Now - applied for
A Chair & Member of Congress

Democrat U. S. House of Representatives Louisiana

DESIGNATION OF PRINCIPAL CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE

6 I hereby designate the following named political committee as my Principal Campaign Committee to the 1996 elections.
(year of election)

NOTE: This designation should be filed with the appropriate office listed below.
in State of Committee in full

Francis Thompson for Congress
in Address number and street

P. O. Box 322
in City State and ZIP Code

Bulhi, Louisiana 71232

DESIGNATION OF OTHER AUTHORIZED COMMITTEES

(Including Joint Fundraising Representatives)

7 I hereby authorize the following named committee, which is NOT my principal campaign committee, to receive and expend funds on behalf of my candidacy.

NOTE: This designation should be filed with the principal campaign committee

in Name of Committee in full

None
in Address number and street
None

in City State and ZIP Code

None

I certify that I have examined this statement and to the best of my knowledge and belief it is true, correct and complete.
Signature of Candidate Date

Francis Thompson

3/15/99

NOTE: Submission of this statement to appropriate jurisdiction may subject the person signing this statement to the penalty.

CANDIDATES FOR THE OFFICE OF:

President elect to

U. S. Senate elect to

U.S. House of Representatives elect to

For full or vote-mailing contact:

Federal Election Commission
999 F Street N.W.
Washington, DC 20543

Secretary of the Senate
Office of Public Records
272 Main Senate Office Bldg
Washington, DC 20510-2116

Clerk of the House of Representatives
Office of Records and Registration
1036 Longworth Office Bldg
Washington, DC 20515-6612

Federal Election Commission
Tel: 800 424-9541
Local: 202 219-6427

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For All Candidates and Committees
(Section 101, 102)

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UNIT OF CREDIT NO. 1001

1. NAME OF CANDIDATE OR COMMITTEE
 For U.S. House of Representatives
 NAME: [] Check one: ☐ Check if different from primary election
 Box 342
 CITY, STATE AND ZIP CODE: Baton Rouge, LA 71232
 STATE DISTRICT: []

2. FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION NUMBER
 FECC# 115504
3. IS THIS REPORT AN AMENDMENT?
☐ YES ☒ NO

4. TYPE OF REPORT

- ☒ April 15 Quarterly Report ☐ Twelve day report preceding _____ (Type of Election)
 election on _____ in the State of _____
☐ July 15 Quarterly Report
☐ October 15 Quarterly Report ☐ Twelve day report following the General Election on _____
 in the State of _____
☐ January 31 Year End Report ☐ Termination Report

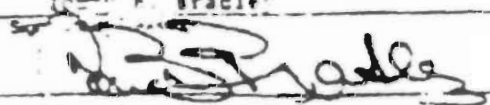
This report covers activity for: ☒ Primary Election ☐ General Election ☐ Special Election ☐ Recall Election

SUMMARY

5	Covering Period 2/26/96 through 3/31/96	COLUMN A This Period	COLUMN B Comparative Period
6	Net Contributions (other than loans)		
(a)	Total Contributions (other than loans) (Part Line 17(a))	\$ 121,850.00	\$ 121,850.00
(b)	Total Contribution Refunds (from Line 22(a))	00	00
(c)	Net Contributions (other than loans) (subtract Line 22(a) from 6(a))	\$ 121,850.00	\$ 121,850.00
7	Net Operating Expenditures		
(a)	Total Operating Expenditures (from Line 17)		
(b)	Total Offset to Operating Expenditures (from Line 14)		
(c)	Net Operating Expenditures (subtract Line 14(b) from 7(a))		
8	Cash on Hand at Close of Reporting Period (from Line 27)		
9	Debits and Obligations Owed TO the Committee (from Line 27, Schedule C, and/or Schedule D)		
10	Debits and Obligations Owed BY the Committee (from Line 27, Schedule C, and/or Schedule D)		

For further information contact:
 Fed. Election Commission
 999 E. 2nd St., N.E.
 Washington, D.C. 20002
 Tel: (202) 456-4500
 TDD: (202) 456-4500

I certify that I have examined this Report and to the best of my knowledge and belief it is true, correct and complete.
 Type or Print Name of Treasurer:

Thomas H. Bradley

 Date: 4/11/96

NOTE: ENCLAVE 1 of base envelope is incomplete information. It subject the person signing the Report to the penalties of 2 U.S.C. 4372.

FEC FORM 3

(11/19/95) (4.6)

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DETAILED SUMMARY PAGE
of Receipts and Disbursements
(Page 2, FEC FORM 3)

Name of Candidate for Congress FRANCIS THURMOND FOR CONGRESS		Period Covered by Report From 2/26/56 To 3/31/56	
I. RECEIPTS		Column A Total To Report	Column B Cash on Hand To-Come
11 CONTRIBUTIONS FROM INDIVIDUALS			
(a) Individuals (Other Than Political Committees)			
(1) Reported on Schedule A		\$ 115,500.00	
(2) Unreported		0	
(3) Total of contributions from individuals		115,500.00	\$ 115,500.00
(4) Political Party Committees		2,350.00	2,350.00
(5) Other Political Committees (such as PACs)		4,000.00	4,000.00
(6) The Candidate		0	0
11 TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS (enter each item, lines 11(a)(1) through 11(a)(6))		\$ 121,850.00	\$ 121,850.00
12 TRANSFERS FROM OTHER AUTHORIZED COMMITTEES		0	0
13 LOANS			
(a) Made or Guaranteed by the Candidate		0	0
(b) All Other Loans		0	0
13 TOTAL LOANS (enter lines 13(a) and 13(b))		0	0
14 OFFSETS TO OPERATING EXPENDITURES (Refunds, Political, etc.)		0	0
15 OTHER RECEIPTS (Interest, Dividend, etc.)		0	0
16 TOTAL RECEIPTS (enter lines 12, 13(a), 14 and 15)		\$ 121,850.00	\$ 121,850.00
II. DISBURSEMENTS			
17 OPERATING EXPENDITURES		\$ 350.00	\$ 350.00
18 TRANSFERS TO OTHER AUTHORIZED COMMITTEES		0	0
19 LOAN REPAYMENTS			
(a) Of Loans Made or Guaranteed by the Candidate		0	0
(b) Of All Other Loans		0	0
19 TOTAL LOAN REPAYMENTS (enter lines 19(a) and 19(b))		0	0
20 REFUNDS OF CONTRIBUTIONS TO			
(a) Individuals (Other Than Political Committees)		0	0
(b) Political Party Committees		0	0
(c) Other Political Committees (such as PACs)		0	0
20 TOTAL CONTRIBUTION REFUNDS (enter lines 20(a), (b), and (c))		0	0
21 OTHER DISBURSEMENTS		0	0
22 TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS (enter lines 17, 18, 19(a), 20(a) and 21)		\$ 350.00	\$ 350.00
III. CASH SUMMARY			
23 CASH ON HAND AT BEGINNING OF REPORTING PERIOD		\$	0
24 TOTAL RECEIPTS THIS PERIOD (from Line 16)		\$	121,850.00
25 SUBTOTAL (add Line 23 and Line 24)		\$	121,850.00
26 TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS THIS PERIOD (from Line 22)		\$	350.00
27 CASH ON HAND AT CLOSE OF THE REPORTING PERIOD (subtract Line 26 from 25)		\$	121,500.00

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SCHEDULE B

ITEMIZED DISBURSEMENTS

Use this space to provide a brief description of the disbursement, including the date of disbursement, the name of the payee, and the amount of the disbursement.

Any disbursement made for the purpose of influencing the outcome of an election, or for the purpose of influencing the appointment, confirmation, or removal of any official, or for the purpose of influencing the exercise of the powers of any official, shall be reported as a contribution to the campaign of the official.

NAME OF COMMITTEE (If Filing)
Francis Thompson for Congress

A. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code Democratic State Central Committee of La. P. O. Box 4385 Baton Rouge, La. 70821-4385	Purpose of Disbursement In-kind contribution of campaign work & PAC workbook Disbursement for ☒ Primary ☐ General ☐ Other (specify)	Date 02/09/96 02/09/96	Amount of Disbursement \$ 200.00 150.00
B. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code	Purpose of Disbursement Disbursement for ☐ Primary ☐ General ☐ Other (specify)	Date	Amount of Disbursement
C. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code	Purpose of Disbursement Disbursement for ☐ Primary ☐ General ☐ Other (specify)	Date	Amount of Disbursement
D. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code	Purpose of Disbursement Disbursement for ☐ Primary ☐ General ☐ Other (specify)	Date	Amount of Disbursement
E. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code	Purpose of Disbursement Disbursement for ☐ Primary ☐ General ☐ Other (specify)	Date	Amount of Disbursement
F. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code	Purpose of Disbursement Disbursement for ☐ Primary ☐ General ☐ Other (specify)	Date	Amount of Disbursement
G. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code	Purpose of Disbursement Disbursement for ☐ Primary ☐ General ☐ Other (specify)	Date	Amount of Disbursement
H. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code	Purpose of Disbursement Disbursement for ☐ Primary ☐ General ☐ Other (specify)	Date	Amount of Disbursement
I. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code	Purpose of Disbursement Disbursement for ☐ Primary ☐ General ☐ Other (specify)	Date	Amount of Disbursement

SUBTOTAL of Disbursements This Page (optional) \$ 350.00

TOTAL of Disbursements This Page (mandatory) \$ 350.00

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EDUCATION

Monroe native Lt. Col. Jim Halsell, keynote speaker for the 12th annual High School Scholars Banquet Monday night, was delayed by foul weather.

But he finally bounded into the Monroe Civic Center Conference Hall wearing a blue flight suit and cracking jokes.

The banquet was held to honor the top 171 high school seniors in Ouachita Parish for 1995-96.

"It's a privilege to be a part of this," Halsell said.

Halsell, a veteran of two space shuttle missions, began by leading the audience in applauding the



Halsell

15 minute film of his last shuttle flight, where he piloted the shuttle Atlantis on an

eight-day mission to dock with the Russian space station Mir.

"It was a spectacular thing to be a part of," he said, describing the view from space and interaction with Russian cosmonauts manning the Mir station.

Halsell drew laughter with his movies of life in zero-gravity.

"Being weightless, after you get used to it, is like being Superman," he said. "It's almost as fun

being Superman.

— James Halsell, astronaut

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as it looks.”

Halsell admitted to some trepidation when it came to doling out words of wisdom to the seniors. "I'm still in the wisdom-gathering stage, not the wisdom-dispensing stage," he said.

Still, by using anecdotes from his lengthy Air Force career, he offered three life lessons. From a disappointment early in flight school, he said he learned that when "life

you never go to war with him."

Finally, Halsell said he learned an extremely important lesson from a flight leader he served under.

"Don't be a but," he said. In the ensuing laughter, he clarified, "That's b-u-t, not b-u-t-t. As in, 'He's a good pilot, but I wouldn't want to go to war with him.'"

Editor's note: One student was inadvertently omitted from information supplied to *The New Star* for Scholars Banquet recognition published in Sunday's newspaper. Ouachita Parish student Jonathan David Moore should have been included.

Monroe and Tangipahoa mutual appreciation society. Tambre is a 4.0 grade point student and an accomplished flautist in her high school band. When she tells how her mother is a creative and inventive teacher, Idell responds by mentioning what a hard worker her daughter is and how she "never goes to sleep until her work is done."

For the duo, acting is but a facet of their relationship. "We're so close it's a shame. We even think alike," Tambre said. "It's so scary."

"We just spend a lot of time together," Idell said.

Future plans include more civic activity and acting.

"We never plan it," Tambre said. "It just happens."

Poll shows Thompson leading field in 5th District

By JOHN HILL

Capital Bureau

BATON ROUGE — A poll paid for by state Rep. Francis Thompson shows the Delhi Democrat out in front in the race for Congress in the court-drawn 5th Congressional District.

The poll of 300 voters taken in late March by Verne Kennedy of Marketing Research Institute, Pensacola, Fla., shows Thompson led the field with 32 percent.

In second place was Dr. John Cooksey, a Monroe Republican, with 16 percent.

"The poll clearly shows I am the leading candidate," Thompson said.

Kennedy is a well-respected pollster who has worked in Louisiana for 20 years, usually for Republican candidates.

He said the 5th District has the highest percentage of voters who think of themselves as Democrats, regardless of their party

Poll results

■ **Question:** "In an election for Congress held today, which candidate would you favor: (Names rotated) Michael Caire, a Democrat; John Cooksey, a Republican; Ben Marshall, a Republican; Francis Thompson, a Democrat?"

■ **Results:** Francis Thompson, 32 percent; John Cooksey, 16

percent; Ben Marshall, 6 percent; Michael Caire, 5 percent; undecided, 40 percent

■ **Source:** Poll of 300 in the newly drawn 5th Congressional District of northeastern Louisiana taken in March by Dr. Verne Kennedy of Marketing Research Institute for Francis Thompson.

affiliation: 37 percent think of themselves as Republican, while 50 percent think of themselves as Democrats.

Kennedy found that both Thompson and Cooksey have low name recognition. Cooksey is unknown to 64 percent and Thompson is unknown by 59 percent.

Kennedy posed a mythical runoff between Thompson and Cooksey.

He posed this question: "In a

runoff election for Congress, would you favor John Cooksey, the Republican, or Francis Thompson, the Democrat?" The names were rotated with each caller.

Of those who said they were uncertain, this question was asked: "Even though you are uncertain in your choice for Congress, who would it be if you just had to say."

See FIELD / 8A

Democrat also holds funds edge

By JOHN HILL

Capital Bureau

BATON ROUGE — Democrat Francis Thompson of Delhi has a financial edge over Republican John Cooksey of Monroe, their campaign disclosure reports show.

Thompson has raised a total of \$121,850 since he began raising money in the 5th Congressional District campaign, according to the candidates' spending reports for January through March 31 that were filed with the Secretary of State's Office.

Thompson spent only \$350 during the first quarter, leaving him with a campaign war chest of \$121,500.

Cooksey raised \$62,471 and

loaned his campaign \$4,475 of his own money, his report showed. Cooksey already had raised another \$42,865.01 before the Jan. 1-March 31 reporting period, giving him a total of \$110,224.64.

After deducting expenses of \$57,564.62, Cooksey was left with a war chest of \$52,660.02 on March 31, his report showed.

Republican Ben Marshall IV of Monroe reported contributions of \$17,775 from January through March. Add to that another \$5,814.67 raised before Jan. 1, and Marshall has raised a total of \$23,609.67.

Marshall spent \$14,143.59

See FUNDS / 8A

Hometown

A groundbreaking ceremony for the War Veterans' Home Gift Shop will be held at 2 p.m. today at the home on U.S. 165 in



Viewpoint

Did the Legislature accomplish what you think it should have in the special session?



"No. They got off on that filibuster but they eventually got back on track."

was shot at about 11:44 p.m. by at the Delta Kappa Epsilon unity house at 109 E. Louisiana in Ruston. Police reports state Elvervig and others, David D. Melder, 23, Benjamin J. Porta, age unknown, went inside the house and making noise downstairs. Coates, 22, was in an upstairs room and heard the noise. Coates downstairs with a .22-caliber

pancreas. "That's the yellowish thing you swallow when you suck the head," said biologist Milton Fingerman in the current issue of *Tulane*, a university publication. Naphthalene is a component of crude oil. Cadmium is a heavy metal found in rechargeable batteries. Both chemicals, common in Louisiana waterways, affect crawfish reproduction and metabolism.

not significantly." In 1995, 581 thefts were reported at LSU, up from 573 in 1994. At Southern, thefts dropped to 244 in 1995 from 304 in 1994. However, Southern police said they consider theft, especially in dormitories, to be their main problem. Police are targeting

non-students who come onto the campus without supervision. At LSU, 24 assaults were reported in 1995, down from 34 in 1994. No rapes were reported in 1995, while two were reported in 1994. At Southern, no campus rapes have been reported in the past four years.

unds
Jim McCrery, in 4th District, is overall funding leader.

there is more than \$5,000 in activity. Caire said Monday he will be filing a report for the three-month period from April 1-June 30 this summer.

U.S. Rep. Jim McCrery, R-Shreveport, has more money than any of them: McCrery raised \$39,480 during the three-month period. Even after spending \$46,608.30, McCrery's campaign fund had a \$656,682.10 balance. No opponents have filed reports in the 4th Congressional District.

Field
■ Analyst places poll's margin of error at 6 percentage points, plus or minus.
From page 5A

Cooksey or Thompson?" Thompson was named by 49 percent; 38 percent were for him the first time, another 11 percent are leaning toward him. Cooksey had 31 percent, includ-

ing 24 percent who were for him the first time and another 7 percent who chose him when they were pushed to choose. That still left 20 percent undecided. Monroe political scientist Gene Tarver said with a poll of only 300 in a congressional district, the margin of error would be at least 6 percentage points, meaning a candidate could be up or down by a total of 6 points if all voters were polled. Still, Thompson seems to be the candidate to beat "with Cooksey in a fairly good position," Tarver said.

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CASUAL SEPARA

SHORTS! VESTS! SKIRTS! CAMP SHIRTS!

great-looking fashion and border prints

■ JUSTIN B. JONES

Expand your spring wardrobe with versatile options for casual office or weekend dressing. Printed rayon vests, camp shirts, skirts and shorts. In various patterns. Collect all the pieces to create different pairings. Multi colors, sizes 8-18.

Moderate Sportswear

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Pensacola, Florida 32501
(904) 432-9191

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BILL TO:

Francis Thompson

DESCRIPTION

AMOUNT

Louisiana 5th Congressional District Survey-300 sample

\$8,000.00

Thank You!!!

TOTAL
DUE

\$8,000.00

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FROM FRANCIS THOMPSON 318 878-9408

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EXHIBIT "D"



STATE OF LOUISIANA
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FRANCIS C. THOMPSON
District 18
Audit Advisory Commission,
Chairman

A FAX FOR YOU

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Agriculture
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Joint Legislative Committee on the B. & C.

DATE: 4-30-96

TO: George Graham

FROM: Francis Thompson

PAGES INCLUDING COVER SHEET: 2

FOR INFORMATION CALL: 318-878-9408

I thought this may be of interest to you

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Ex. "D"

A poll conducted in late March by Dr. Verne Kennedy of Marketing Research Institute, Pensacola, Florida, shows State Representative Francis Thompson out in front in the race for Congress in the court-drawn 5th congressional district. The poll of 300 voters, commissioned by Thompson, showed the Delhi Democrat leading the field with 32 percent. In second place was Dr. John Cooksey, a Monroe Republican with 16%.

Kennedy is a well-respected pollster who has worked in Louisiana for 20 years, usually for Republican candidates.

He said the 5th Congressional District has the highest percent of voters who think of themselves as Democrats, regardless of their party affiliation: 37 percent think of themselves as Republican, while 50 percent think of themselves as Democrats.

In the March poll, Kennedy posed the question: "In an election for Congress held today, which candidate would you favor: Michael Caire, a Democrat; John Cooksey, a republican; Ben Marshall, a Republican; Francis Thompson, a Democrat?" The names were rotated with each caller.

The results showed Francis Thompson with 32 percent; John Cooksey, 16 percent; Ben Marshall, 6 percent; Michael Caire, 5 percent; undecided, 40 percent.

Kennedy then posed this mythical question: "In a run off election for Congress, would you favor John Cooksey, the Republican, or Francis Thompson, the Democrat?" (Names rotated) Of those who said they were uncertain, this question was asked: "Even though you are uncertain in your choice for Congress who would it be if you just had to say, Cooksey or Thompson?"

Thompson was named by 49 percent; 38 percent were for him the first time, with another 11 percent leaning toward him.

Cooksey had 31 percent, including 24 percent who were for him the first time and another 7 percent when pushed to choose.

That left 20 percent undecided.

Francis Thompson of Delhi also has a financial edge over John Cooksey of Monroe, their campaign disclosure reports show. Thompson has raised a total of \$121,850 since he began raising money in the 5th congressional district campaign, according to reports filed with the Secretary of State's office. Thompson spent only \$350 during the first quarter, leaving him with a campaign war chest of \$121,500.

Cooksey raised \$62,471 and loaned his campaign \$4,475 of his own money during the January 1- March 31 reporting period. He had raised another \$42,865.01 prior to this reporting period, giving him a total of \$110,224.64. After deducting expenditures of \$57,564.62, Cooksey was left with \$52,660.02 on March 31, his report showed.

Republican Ben Marshall, after expenses of \$14,143.59, had \$9,466.08 on March 31.

Dr. Michael Caire, a West Monroe Democrat, did not file a report. Federal law does not require a candidate to file until there has been more than \$5,000 in activity.

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"Exhibit E"



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Exhibit F

REP. FRANCIS

Thompson

A PROVEN LAWMAKER





FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

Washington, DC 20463

May 15, 1996

**Maria Cino, Executive Director
National Republican Congressional Committee
320 First Street, SE
Washington, DC 20003**

RE: MUR 4359

Dear Ms. Cino:

This letter acknowledges receipt on May 9, 1996, 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 4359. 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,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Colleen T. Sealander", is written over a circular embossed seal.

Colleen T. Sealander, Attorney
Central Enforcement Docket

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

Washington, DC 20463

May 15, 1996

Tommy B. Bradley, Treasurer
Francis Thompson for Congress
P.O. Box 322
Delhi, LA 71232

RE: MUR 4359

Dear Mr. Bradley:

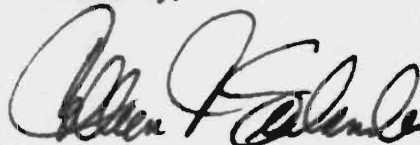
The Federal Election Commission received a complaint which indicates that the Francis Thompson for Congress Committee ("Committee") and you, as treasurer, may have violated the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended ("the Act"). A copy of the complaint is enclosed. We have numbered this matter MUR 4359. 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.

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

Sincerely,



Colleen T. Sealander, Attorney
Central Enforcement Docket

Enclosures

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

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ROBERT F. BAUER
(202) 434-1602

May 29, 1996

Colleen T. Sealander, Esq.
Central Enforcement Docket
Federal Election Commission
999 E Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20468

Re: **MUR 4359**
Francis Thompson for Congress
and Tommy B. Bradley, Treasurer

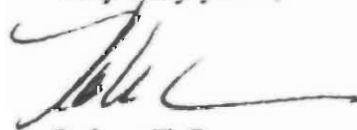
Dear Ms. Sealander:

We are counsel to the Respondents named in the complaint filed in this matter. The Statement of Designation of Counsel is attached.

Owing to the time required by the Respondents to identify and consult with appropriate counsel, including transmitting for review a copy of the complaint received by the Commission, we respectfully request an extension of time for response to June 21, 1996.

We would appreciate your earliest favorable consideration of this request.

Very truly yours,



Robert F. Bauer
Counsel to Respondents

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STATEMENT OF DESIGNATION OF CO COUNSEL

MUR 4359NAME OF COUNSEL: Robert BauerFIRM: PERKINS COIEADDRESS: Suite 800607 14th St. N. WestWashington D.C. 20005TELEPHONE: (202) 434 1602FAX: (202) 434 - 1690

The above-named individual is hereby designated as my counsel and is authorized to receive any notifications and other communications from the Commission and to act on my behalf before the Commission.

5/29/96
DateFrancis Thompson
SignatureRESPONDENT'S NAME: Francis ThompsonADDRESS: 456 Robinhood LaneBox 322DELAH, LA. 71232

TELEPHONE: HOME

BUSINESS: (318) 878 - 9514

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

June 5, 1996

Robert F. Bauer, Esquire
PERKINS COIE
607 Fourteenth Street, N.W.
Suite 800
Washington, D.C. 20005-1690

RE: MUR 4359
Francis Thompson for Congress and
Tommy B. Bradley, as treasurer

Dear Mr. Bauer:

This is in response to your letter dated May 29, 1996, requesting an extension until June 21, 1996, to respond to the complaint filed in the above-noted matter. After considering the circumstances presented in your letter, the Office of the General Counsel has granted the requested extension. Accordingly, your response is due by the close of business on June 21, 1996.

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

Sincerely,

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Colleen T. Sealander, Attorney
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ROBERT F. BAUER
(202) 434-1602

June 20, 1996

Lawrence Noble, Esq.
Office of General Counsel
Federal Election Commission
999 E. Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20463

Re: MUR 4359

Dear Mr. Noble:

This letter responds to a complaint by the National Republican Congressional Committee, through its Executive Director, alleging violations by the Francis Thompson for Congress Committee (and its Treasurer, acting in that capacity).

The Complaint illustrates the unhappy state of affairs in which complaints are filed for political or press considerations, but not in an effort to bring to light significant questions about compliance with the Act. The allegations of the NRCC range from the bizarre to the trivial -- and even the bizarre allegations are trivial.

As of December, 1993, the Commission announced an intention to restructure its enforcement process to devote resources to important matters, and to set aside in the name of prosecutorial discretion and with dispatch those matters without merit and not worthy of pursuit. This is such a matter.

In short order, the allegations, and the response of the Committee, are as follows:

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(1) The Act does not require the expenditure of money to raise money. Mr. Thompson launched his campaign with requests personally directed to long-standing political colleagues and supporters, including colleagues on the state legislature. In the largest number of instances, the solicitations were delivered in person, and sometimes by phone from his home. The NRCC may have some difficulty accepting the fact that in some states, in some races, money is still raised in this fashion, and expensive contracts for fundraising services are not required. The amount expended for the campaign through the end of March was minimal, because it was minimal -- which does not violate the law.

This allegation rests on supposition. The NRCC is able to say only "It is inconceivable that there was zero cost." Indeed the campaign did incur costs, as NRCC concedes elsewhere. It merely did not incur the type or volume of cost that NRCC expected. Such argumentation simply fails to state any claim upon which further Commission action would be based.

(2) The NRCC also complains about the failure to show as debt an expense for polling, the obligation for which was incurred prior to March 31 but paid in early April. The documentation provided by the NRCC shows that the debt was paid in April and therefore was reportable in the second quarter. At most, it can be claimed that the Thompson Committee should have provided an estimate on its first quarter report, and it will do so in the future. Yet there was clearly no intention to conceal the expense, but rather a belief that a debt paid in a quarter should by law be reported in the filing for that quarter.

(3) The NRCC alleges that a fax from the Representative's state office, reporting the results of a poll released publicly and reported in the press, constituted an improper use of state office. It did not. The Representative's office routinely advised constituents of matters concerning their Representative that appeared in the press. Such was the intent here. There was no intent, nor does the NRCC establish any intent, to make systematic use of state resources to advocate Mr. Thompson's election. Mr. Thompson is financing his campaign lawfully, through his principal campaign committee, and not through his state office, and has instituted and will maintain in place measures to assure that no improper use of the state office in the federal campaign occurs.

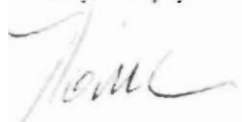
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(4) Finally, NRCC throws in for good measure a claim about the omission of disclaimers on a banner and on certain yard signs. The Thompson Committee did deploy the banner on one occasion, and not since; and at the time it was used, it did not carry a disclaimer. It is not clear that one is required, 11 C.F.R. § 110.11(a)(6)(ii), but in any event, to remove all question, the banner has not been used since, and any reuse -- or later version -- will be imprinted with a disclaimer to assure that the NRSC is not provoked to outrage again.

NRCC misses the mark altogether with the claim about the yard signs. These yard signs were posted by constituents who held them from prior legislative campaigns of the Representative. In fact, certain of these constituents have maintained the posting of these signs on their property since the Representative's last election. The campaign is not distributing state campaign stock, and will not do so.

These claims, taken individually or in the aggregate, do not support any further Commission action. We respectfully request dismissal of the NRCC complaint.

Very truly yours,



Robert F. Bauer

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BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

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In the Matter of

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GENERAL COUNSEL'S REPORT

I. INTRODUCTION

In accordance with the objectives of the Enforcement Priority System ("EPS") adopted by the Commission in May 1993, the Office of the General Counsel has periodically recommended that the Commission not pursue cases that are stale or that, in comparison to other pending matters, do not appear to warrant the use of the Commission's limited resources. This General Counsel's Report recommends the Commission not pursue 43 cases that fall within these categories.

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 Commission 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.

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Having evaluated incoming matters, this Office has identified 24 cases which do not warrant further pursuit relative to other pending matters.¹ A short description of each case and the factors leading to assignment of a relatively low priority and consequent recommendation not to pursue each case is attached to this Report. Attachments 1-24. As the Commission has previously requested, we have also attached responses and referral materials where that information has not been circulated previously to the Commission. Attachment 25.

B. Stale Cases

Investigations are severely impeded and require relatively greater resources when the activity, and the evidence of the activity, are old. Accordingly, the Office of the 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 19 cases that

this Office believes are

now too old to warrant the use of the Commission's resources

¹ These matters are: MUR 4227 (Wellstone for Senate) (Attachment 1); MUR 4273 (Jesse Wineberry) (Attachment 2); MUR 4290 (Lincoln Club of Riverside County) (Attachment 3); MUR 4292 (Congressman Ron Packard) (Attachment 4); MUR 4293 (Willie Color for Congress) (Attachment 5); MUR 4294 (Alan Keyes for President '96) (Attachment 6); MUR 4299 (UAW-V-CAP) (Attachment 7); MUR 4312 (Sonoma County Republicans) (Attachment 8); MUR 4316 (Ross Perot) (Attachment 9); MUR 4318 (Patrick Combs for Congress) (Attachment 10); MUR 4324 (Buchanan for President) (Attachment 11); MUR 4325 (Dan Garstecki for Congress '96) (Attachment 12); MUR 4329 (Golden Door) (Attachment 13); MUR 4330 (Trice Harvey) (Attachment 14); MUR 4333 (WSB-TV) (Attachment 15); MUR 4334 (Cox Communications) (Attachment 16); MUR 4336 (WSB-TV) (Attachment 17); MUR 4339 (WSB-TV) (Attachment 18); MUR 4348 (Soglin for Congress) (Attachment 19); MUR 4359 (Francis Thompson for Congress) (Attachment 20); MUR 4360 (Weygand Committee) (Attachment 21); MUR 4363 (WSB-TV) (Attachment 22); MUR 4364 (Friends of Jimmy Blake) (Attachment 23) and Pre-MUR 328 (Department of the Interior) (Attachment 24).

Because our recommendation not to pursue these cases is based on their staleness, this Office has not prepared separate narratives for these cases. we have attached responses and referral materials in those instances where the information was not previously circulated. Attachments 26-45.

This Office recommends the Commission exercise its prosecutorial discretion and no longer pursue the cases listed below effective September 3, 1996. By closing the cases effective that day, CED and the Legal Review Team each will have the necessary time to prepare closing letters and case files for the public record.

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III. RECOMMENDATIONS

A. Decline to open a MUR, close the file effective September 3, 1996, and approve the appropriate letters in the following matters:

- 1) Pre-MUR 293
- 2) Pre-MUR 311
- 3) Pre-MUR 328
- 4) RAD Referral 95L-03
- 5) RAD Referral 95L-11
- 6) RAD Referral 95L-16
- 7) RAD Referral 95L-22
- 8) RAD Referral 95NF-21

B. Take no action, close the file effective September 3, 1996, and approve the appropriate letters in the following matters:

- 1) MUR 4061
- 2) MUR 4074
- 3) MUR 4101
- 4) MUR 4146
- 5) MUR 4151
- 6) MUR 4175
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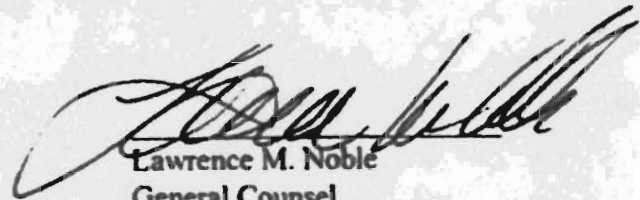
- 28) MUR 4336
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- 31) MUR 4359
- 32) MUR 4360
- 33) MUR 4363
- 34) MUR 4364

C. Take no further action, close the file effective September 3, 1996, and approve the appropriate letters in MUR 3826.

Date

8/14/96

Lawrence M. Noble
General Counsel



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BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

In the Matter of)
Enforcement Priority.)

CERTIFICATION

I, Marjorie W. Emmons, Secretary of the Federal Election Commission, do hereby certify that on August 21, 1996, the Commission took the following actions on the General Counsel's August 14, 1996 report on the above-captioned matter:

1. Decided by a vote of 5-0:

A. Decline to open a MUR, close the file effective September 3, 1996, and approve the appropriate letters in each of the following matters:

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Commissioners Aikens, Elliott, McDonald,
McGarry, and Thomas voted affirmatively with
respect to each of the above-noted matters.

Attest:

8-26-96
Date

Marjorie W. Emmons
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Secretary of the Commission

Received in the Secretariat: Wed., Aug. 14, 1996 4:56 p.m.
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Maria Cino, Executive Director
National Republican Congressional Committee
320 First Street, S.E.
Washington, DC 20003

RE: MUR 4359

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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 September 3, 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,

Colleen T. Sealander, Attorney
Central Enforcement Docket

Attachment
Narrative

MUR 4359
FRANCIS THOMPSON FOR CONGRESS

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Counsel for the Francis Thompson for Congress Committee responds that Mr. Thompson launched his campaign with fund-raising requests personally directed to long-standing political colleagues and supporters. Counsel states that the solicitations were delivered in person, and sometimes by phone from his home. Thus, according to counsel, the amount expended through the end of March 1996 was minimal.

With regard to the alleged debt, counsel state that at most, it can be claimed that the Thompson Committee should have provided an estimate on its first quarter report for the \$8,000 debt and will do so in the future. Counsel states that the committee believed that a debt paid in a quarter should be reported in the filing for that quarter.

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

SEP 06 1996

Robert F. Bauer, Esquire
Perkins Coie
607 14th Street, N.W.
Suite 800
Washington, DC 20005

RE: MUR 4359
Francis Thompson for Congress
and Tommy B. Bradley, as
treasurer

Dear Mr. Bauer:

On May 15, 1996, 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 Francis Thompson for Congress and Tommy B. Bradley, as treasurer. See attached narrative. Accordingly, the Commission closed its file in this matter on September 3, 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.

If you have any questions, please contact the Central Enforcement Docket at (202) 219-3400.

Sincerely,

Colleen T. Sealander, Attorney
Central Enforcement Docket

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