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Executive Director

June 13, 1997

Mr. F. Andrew Turley
FEC, Central Enforcement Docket
999 E Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20463

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RE: MUR 4464

Dear Mr. Turley:

While I appreciate the work of your office in the above listed matter, I am deeply concerned about the integrity of the testimony you received as listed in the narrative of this case. I am particularly concerned about the actions of the Thielke family and their relation to the Norwood committee.

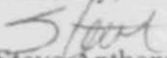
The Norwood Committee's FEC reports clearly indicates contributions from the children of the **Thielke** family. Neither John Walker (campaign manger) nor Dr. Thielke responded to these allegations. It is quite clear from the enclosed photograph that the Thielke children are far too young to contribute money to a political campaign. This photo is from a 1994 yearbook of the family's church. One of the children, all of who are listed as contributing, is clearly far under the age of ten, most likely under the age of five. Where did she obtain the resources to make a political contribution?

I was also a bit confused by the last line of the narrative. The last line stated that "*This matter is less significant relative to other matters pending before the commission.*" This statement would lead me to believe the FEC has concluded that there are potential violations in this case, but that the FEC does not have the time or resources to investigate. While I understand the FEC will be taking no action, your letter did not exonerate Congressman Norwood's campaign of these charges.

I would greatly appreciate a response from your office on these matters. On the basis of the testimony contained in the narrative, I believe there is a basis for a more thorough investigation of this matter, especially the Thielke family. In addition, I am interested to hear if the FEC has cleared the Norwood campaign of these matters or is simply discarding this case for lack of time and resources.

Thank you again for your time and effort.

Sincerely,


Steve Anthony

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TAYLOR, Joe Jr. & Sheila



TAYLOR, Kenneth & Marigene



TAYLOR, Marshall & Ann
Benjamin, Marsha



TEAGLE, Nancy
Amy



TEMPLES, Martha



THIELKE, Al & Edna



THIELKE, Frederick & Susan
Becca, Katie, Abbie



THOMAS, Chris



THOMAS, Preston & Patricia
Nick



THOMPSON, B
Rob, Bec



THOMPSON, Jack



THORNTON, David & Karen
Amanda, David Jr., Caroline



TIMMERMAN, Ransom & Mildred



TINLEY, Miriam



TOM, Darryl

THIELKS

SCHEDULE A

**ITEMIZED RECEIPTS
FOR 01/01/94 - 03/31/94
INDIVIDUALS**

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FOR LINE SUMMER 11a(1)**

Full Name of Committee: **NONPROFIT FOR CONSUMERS**

A. Full Name, Address, Zip	Employer/Occupation	P/O	Date	Receipts
Katie Thielke 813 Cape Cod Court Bosma, GA 30606	Student			
	Total YTD:			\$1000.00

B. Full Name, Address, Zip	Employer/Occupation	P/O	Date	Receipts
David Thomas 1 Danversville Lane Bosma, GA 30606	Student			
	Total YTD:			\$250.00

C. Full Name, Address, Zip	Employer/Occupation	P/O	Date	Receipts
James E. Irish 1111 1st St Bosma, GA 30606	University Association Center			
	Total YTD:			\$210.00

D. Full Name, Address, Zip	Employer/Occupation	P/O	Date	Receipts
William Watson, III 1111 1st St Bosma, GA 30606	Non-Profit			
	Total YTD:			\$50.00

E. Full Name, Address, Zip	Employer/Occupation	P/O	Date	Receipts
David Watson 1111 1st St Bosma, GA 30606	Non-Profit			
	Total YTD:			\$50.00

TOTAL 2012 SUMMER 11a(1)

SCHEDULE A

ITEMIZED RECEIPTS
FOR 01/01/94 - 03/31/94
INDIVIDUALS

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FOR LINE NUMBER 11a(1)

Full Name of Committee: SCHMOOD FOR CONGRESS

Full Name, Address, Zip	Employer/Occupation	P/O	Date	Receipts
Glenn T Swindle Jr 134 W Moore St Valdosta, GA 31602	Home-Busset Dentist	P	07/23/94	1000.00
Total YTD:				\$1000.00

Full Name, Address, Zip	Employer/Occupation	P/O	Date	Receipts
Abbey Thielke 513 Cape Cod Court Evans, GA 30809	Student	P	02/28/94	1000.00
				IX Rent and Utility
Total YTD:				\$1000.00

Full Name, Address, Zip	Employer/Occupation	P/O	Date	Receipts
Seoun Thielke 513 Cape Cod Court Evans, GA 30809	Student	P	02/30/94	1000.00
				IX Rent & Utility
Total YTD:				\$1000.00

Full Name, Address, Zip	Employer/Occupation	P/O	Date	Receipts
Frederick L. Thielke 3443 Walton Way Nrt. Augusta, GA 30909	Self Employed Dentist	P	07/31/94	239.00
				P 01/28/94 25.97
				IX RENT & UTILITY
				P 02/28/94 25.97
				IX RENT & UTILITY
				P 03/28/94 25.97
				IX RENT & UTILITY
Total YTD:				\$417.91

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SCHEDULE A

**ITEMIZED RECEIPTS
FOR 10/24/94 - 11/23/94
DRIVEMAN**

**STATE OF GA
FAR 1000 FORM 120 (A)**

Full Name of Committee: **WINDYBORN FOR SENATE**

A. Full Name, Address, Zip	Employer/Occupation	D/O	Date	Receipts
Marie Tuglie, Jr. 602 Chimney Hill Circle Evans, GA 30009	Southern Bell		10/30/94	100.00

Total TTD: \$700.00

B. Full Name, Address, Zip	Employer/Occupation	D/O	Date	Receipts
Breen Thielko 913 Cape Cod Court Evans, GA 30009	Student		10/25/94	200.00

Total TTD: \$1200.00

C. Full Name, Address, Zip	Employer/Occupation	D/O	Date	Receipts
Wooten Thomas 13 Plantation Hills Drive Evans, GA 30009	State Farm Insurance Agent		11/01/94	150.00

Total TTD: \$1350.00

D. Full Name, Address, Zip	Employer/Occupation	D/O	Date	Receipts
Robert S. Thompson			10/01/94	200.00

Total TTD: \$1550.00

E. Full Name, Address, Zip	Employer/Occupation	D/O	Date	Receipts
Walt Thompson, II P.O. Box 270 Evans, GA 30009	Bank Officer		10/27/94	15.00

Total TTD: \$1565.00

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FOR LINE NUMBER 114(1)

Total YTD: \$600.00

B. Full Name, Address, Zip	Employer/Occupation	P/G	Date	Receipts
Frederick L. Thielke 813 Cape Cod Court Evans, GA 30809	Self Employed	G IK	09/30/94 Rent/Utilities	862.53

Total YTD: \$1280.44

C. Full Name, Address, Zip	Employer/Occupation	P/G	Date	Receipts
Mark Thigpen 510 Regent Pl. Augusta, GA 30909		G	08/30/94	\$800.00

Physician

Total YTD: \$200.00

D. Full Name, Address, Zip	Employer/Occupation	P/G	Date	Receipts
Luther W Thomas 3486 Lonesome Pine Ct. Augusta, GA 30907		PR	08/01/94	100.00

Physician

Total YTD: \$300.00

E. Full Name, Address, Zip	Employer/Occupation	P/G	Date	Receipts
James F. Thornton, Jr. 610 Springdale Street Athens, GA 30606	Thornton Bros. Paper Co.	G	09/30/94	300.00

Thornton Bros. Paper Co.

Management

Total YTD: \$100.00

TOTAL THIS PAGE: 2662.53

SCHEDULE A
Contributions from Individuals/Persons

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FOR LINE NUMBER 11(a)(1)

NAME OF COMMITTEE (in Full)
Norwood for Congress C00287367

Any information copied from such Reports and Statements may not be sold or used by any person for the purposes of soliciting contributions or for commercial purposes, other than using the name and address of any political committee to solicit contributions from such committee.

Full Name Mailing Address	Name of Employer Occupation	Date MM/DD/YY	Amount
Amos Smith 111 Clifton Dr Athens, GA 30606-1630 Receipt for [X]Primary	Self Physician	05/09/94	\$200.00
Aggregate YTD >			\$200.00
Lee Smith, Jr. 9 Somerset Ct Augusta, GA 30909-1839 Receipt for [X]Primary	Swifwind Corporation President	05/10/94	\$100.00
Aggregate YTD >			\$350.00
Daniel Smoak 609 Trafalgar Ln Augusta, GA 30909-3331 Receipt for [X]Primary	Smoak's Bakery Owner	05/06/94	\$100.00
Aggregate YTD >			\$200.00
Daniel Sullivan 1430 Harper St Augusta, GA 30901-2618 Receipt for [X]Primary	Self Physician	05/02/94	\$200.00
Aggregate YTD >			\$200.00
Sexton Surles 2515 Tupelo Dr Augusta, GA 30909-3787 Receipt for [X]Primary	Insurance	05/05/94	\$100.00
Aggregate YTD >			\$200.00
Susan Thielke 813 Cape Cod Ct Evans, GA 30809-9492 Receipt for [X]Primary	Homemaker Rent & Utilities	04/30/94	\$989.42 IN-KIND
Aggregate YTD >			\$989.42
Sykes Trieb 148 Doe Run Athens, GA 30605-4102 Receipt for [X]Primary	University Associates Owner Breakfast	06/15/94	\$35.00 IN-KIND
Aggregate YTD >			\$245.00
Barrett Trotter 13 Bristlecone Way Augusta, GA 30909-4536 Receipt for [X]Primary	Self Employed Orthodontist	05/03/94	\$200.00
Aggregate YTD >			\$400.00
Debbie Vernon 1211 W Medical Park Rd Augusta, GA 30909-4504 Receipt for [X]Primary	General Practitioner	05/03/94	\$200.00
Aggregate YTD >			\$200.00
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September 12, 1996

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Re: Complaint Against Charles W. Norwood

Dear Mr. Noble:

The undersigned files this complaint charging violations of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended ("FECA"), 2 U.S.C. § 431 et seq., and related regulations of the Federal Election Commission ("FEC" or the "Commission"), 11 C.F.R. § 100.1 et seq., by Congressman Charles W. Norwood, Norwood for Congress, his principal campaign committee, and J. Richard Dunstan, as Treasurer, Norwood for Congress.

In sum, Congressman Norwood may have violated the FECA and FEC regulations by accepting thousands of dollars worth of illegal contributions: contributions from minors and contributions over the limit placed on individuals' donations. In light of the information discussed below, the undersigned asks the Commission to review the enclosed documents, conduct a thorough and independent investigation of the facts, and to pursue any and all violations of the FECA and Commission regulations.

I. Limits on Contributions From Minors

FEC regulations restrict donations made by minor children, and if Congressman Norwood accepts any such donations, he must prove that his acceptance of their money is legal. 11 C.F.R. § 110.1 (I)(2)(i) provides that a minor child may contribute to a political candidate if "the decision to contribute is made knowingly and voluntarily by the minor child." Furthermore, "The funds . . . contributed [must be] exclusively controlled by the minor child." Id. at (ii). Finally, "The contribution [must not be] made from the proceeds of a gift, the purpose of which was to provide funds to be contributed, [and must] not [be] in any other way controlled by another

individual." *Id.* at (iii). For example, a parent cannot give his or her child money which is to be contributed to a candidate. See 2 U.S.C. § 441f and 11 C.F.R. § 110.4 (b)(1)(i), which prohibit contributions being made in others' names. See also 11 C.F.R. § 110.9 (a), which bars a committee or candidate from accepting contributions made in violation of part 110.

Contributions technically given by the child, but actually by the parent, must be attributed to the parent and consequently included in tallying the parent's total contribution. 2 U.S.C. § 441a (a)(8) provides that "all contributions made by a person, either directly or indirectly, on behalf of a particular candidate, including contributions which are in any way earmarked or otherwise directed through an intermediary or conduit to such candidate, shall be treated as contributions from such person to such candidate." To summarize, when the combined contributions of a parent and conduit-child exceed \$1,000 (the limit on individual donations pursuant to 2 U.S.C. § 441a (a)(1)(A) and 11 C.F.R. § 110.1 (b)(1)), the parent and the accepting candidate have violated FEC law.

Congressman Norwood is prohibited from accepting a contribution over the legal limit by 2 U.S.C. § 441a (f): "No candidate or political committee shall knowingly accept any contribution . . . in violation of the provisions of this section." See also 11 C.F.R. § 110.9 (a).

II. The Thielkes

According to FEC reports, during primary season 1994, Norwood accepted donations of \$1,000 apiece from Katie, Abbey, and Becca Thielke, all listed as students, and all of whom were apparently under eighteen (see attached photo). The Thielke sisters and their parents, Frederick and Susan, took turns contributing in-kind the following in rent and utilities:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Contributor</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Election</u>
1/30/94	Katie Thielke	\$1,000	Primary
2/28/94	Abbey Thielke	\$1,000	Primary
3/30/94	Becca Thielke	\$1,000	Primary
4/30/94	Susan Thielke	\$989.42	Primary
9/30/94	Frederick Thielke	\$862.53	General

Frederick Thielke also contributed the following supplemental amounts in rent and utilities:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Election</u>
1/30/94	\$55.97	Primary
2/28/94	\$55.97	Primary
3/30/94	\$55.97	Primary

Finally, the Thielkes gave monetary donations, listed as follows:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Contributor</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Election</u>
3/31/94	Frederick Thielke	\$250	Primary
10/25/94	Becca Thielke	\$250	General

It is implausible that each member of the family had some sort of rented facility they separately donated to Norwood; the contributions must refer to the same unit, with a different family member receiving credit for each month's donation. Each family member would have had to pay the rent or utility bill for the period in question, or reimburse the person who had done so.

If the Thielkes were indeed using their children to mask their own contributions, they donated well over the \$1,000 limit. Frederick and Susan Thielke will have really contributed \$4,407.33 (the sum of all donations given by each Thielke during primary season) to Norwood for his efforts in the primary. They obviously would exceed the \$1,000 limit even if each parent were credited with half of that amount. Frederick Thielke's contributions to Norwood during the general election would also be over the limit, totaling \$1,112.53.

III. The Johnsons

The Johnson family was also highly supportive of Norwood, giving several thousand dollars in both money and in-kind in 1994. Duncan and Lynda Johnson, and their two children, Laura, a student, and Duncan Jr., donated in-kind at least one rental car in the following manner:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Contributor</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Election</u>
12/29/93	Duncan Johnson	\$330	Primary
1/31/94	Duncan Johnson	\$330	Primary
1/31/94	Lynda Johnson ¹	\$330	Primary
2/28/94	Lynda Johnson	\$330	Primary
3/31/94	Duncan Johnson	\$330	Primary
4/30/94	Laura Johnson	\$330	Primary
5/31/94	Laura Johnson	\$330	Primary
6/30/94	Lynda Johnson	\$330	Primary
7/31/94	Duncan Johnson, Jr.	\$330	Run-Off ²
8/31/94	Duncan Johnson, Jr.	\$330	General
8/31/94	Laura Johnson	\$330	General ³
9/30/94	Duncan Johnson, Jr.	\$330	General
9/30/94	Laura Johnson	\$330	General

¹ Lynda Johnson contributed an additional \$61.48 on 1/31/94 via "installation."

² Duncan Jr.'s July 31 contribution is listed as a contribution for the general election, and Laura's August 31 contribution is listed as a contribution for the run-off. These are apparently inaccurate characterizations, however, due to their nature as in-kind contributions. In-kind contributions are considered to have been both received and expended at the moment of contribution. 11 C.F.R. § 104.13 (a)(2). In conjunction with 11 C.F.R. § 102.9 (e) which mandates separate accounting for separate elections, then, these contributions must be considered received for the next election: in Duncan Jr.'s case, the run-off on August 9, 1994; and in Laura's case, the general on November 8, 1994. (The errors probably arose because elections took place during the same months those contributions were made; nonetheless, in each instance, the contribution is listed as having been made after the date of the election.)

³ See above.

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The Johnsons also contributed the following money:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Contributor</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Election</u>
5/12/94	Duncan Johnson, Jr.	\$1,000	Primary
5/12/94	Duncan Johnson, Jr.	\$1,000	Run-Off
7/26/94	Duncan Johnson, Jr.	\$1,000	Run-Off
9/29/94	Duncan Johnson	\$1,000	General

Similar to the Thielkes' rented facility, the Johnsons' rented car was probably not independently donated by different Johnsons for a month at a time. It is much more logical that the family merely took turns in taking credit for the contribution, especially since Duncan and Lynda made three \$330 payments apiece. Again, each family member would have been required to pay the monthly rental or reimburse the person who did. Lynda Thielke alone, however, contributed over a thousand dollars, donating three rental car payments of \$330 each plus \$61.48 in installation for a total of \$1,051.48.

If the Johnsons used their children to contribute more than the legal limit to Norwood, Duncan and Lynda will have spent \$3,701.48 on Norwood's campaign for the primary (the sum of all donations given by each Johnson during primary season). As with the Thielkes, the \$1,000 limit would be exceeded even if divided between husband and wife.

Limits on donations for the general election, in which the Johnsons gave \$2,320, are also exceeded. Again, even if divided between Duncan and Lynda Johnson, their contributions would each be over the \$1,000 limit.

In the run-off election, Duncan Jr.'s contributions alone exceed the legal limit: he contributed \$1,000 in cash and \$330 in-kind. Although the \$330 was listed as a donation for the general, it was made before the run-off election and must therefore be attributed to that election (see footnote 2). Duncan Jr.'s contribution of \$1,330 is well over the FEC \$1,000 limit.

IV. The Wirsings

The Wirsing family, including three daughters who were students and who were apparently under eighteen in 1994 (see attached photo), also contributed heavily to Norwood. In 1994, Dr. Charles and Kim Wirsing's family made a series of parallel donations, contributing the following amounts:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Contributor</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Election</u>
3/25/94	Dr. Charles Wirsing	\$200	Primary
3/26/94	Kim (Jung) Wirsing	\$200	Primary
3/26/94	Jackie Wirsing	\$200	Primary
3/26/94	Robyn Wirsing	\$200	Primary
3/26/94	Debbie Wirsing	\$200	Primary
9/11/94	Dr. Charles Wirsing	\$100	General
10/19/94	Dr. Charles Wirsing	\$200	General
10/19/94	Kim (Jung) Wirsing	\$200	General
10/19/94	Jackie Wirsing	\$200	General
10/19/94	Robyn Wirsing	\$200	General
10/19/94	Debbie Wirsing	\$200	General

Although the Wirsings' donations would not exceed the legal limit even if combined, Congressman Norwood's acceptance of them should still be investigated. They may have been given by minors and as such may be illegal contributions.

V. Conclusion

Congressman Norwood has accepted thousand of dollars worth of possibly illegal contributions. The donations may have been made unlawfully through minor children. When attributed to the parents, these contributions would also violate FEC contribution limits.

Norwood's acceptance of the apparently illegal contributions was a knowledgeable one. Because the contributions were given by minors, Norwood, Norwood for Congress, and Treasurer Dunstan had a heightened responsibility to investigate their authenticity. Norwood should have known, therefore, if the Thielke, Johnson, and Wirsing children were being used as conduits for their parents' contributions.

The available information suggests that Congressman Norwood, Norwood for Congress, and J. Richard Dunstan, as Treasurer, have violated the FECA and FEC regulations by accepting money from minors and by accepting the contributions exceeding the maximum allowable from individuals. The FEC should investigate their actions with regard to this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve C. Anthony

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 12th ^{September} day of August, 1996.

My Commission expires My Commission Expires April 11, 2000
Notary Public, Greene County, Georgia

Val R. Smith

Notary Public

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

Washington, DC 20463

September 23, 1996

Steve Anthony, Executive Director
Democratic Party of Georgia
1100 Spring Street, Suite 710
Atlanta, GA 30309

RE: MUR 4464

Dear Mr. Anthony:

This letter acknowledges receipt on September 16, 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 4464. 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,

Colleen T. Sealander, Attorney
Central Enforcement Docket

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

Washington, DC 20463

September 23, 1996

Richard J. Dunstan, Treasurer
Norwood for Congress
PO Box 499
Evans, GA 30809

RE: MUR 4464

Dear Mr. Dunstan:

The Federal Election Commission received a complaint which indicates that Norwood 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 4464. Please refer to this number in all future correspondence.

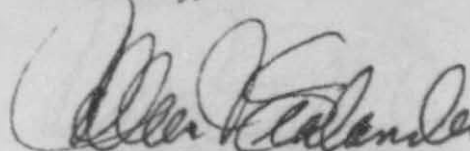
Under the Act, you have the opportunity to demonstrate in writing that no action should be taken against the Committee and you, as treasurer, in this matter. Please submit any factual or legal materials which you believe are relevant to the Commission's analysis of this matter. Where appropriate, statements 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.

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If you have any questions, please contact Alva E. Smith 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
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Enclosures

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

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

Washington, DC 20463

September 23, 1996

The Honorable Charles W. Norwood, Jr.
US House of Representative
1707 Longworth House Building
Washington, DC 20515-1010

RE: MUR 4464

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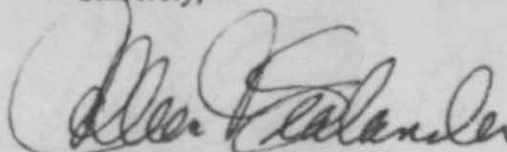
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If you have any questions, please contact Alva E. Smith at (202) 219-3400. For your information, we have enclosed a brief description of the Commission's procedures for handling complaints.

Sincerely,



Colleen T. Sealander, Attorney
Central Enforcement Docket

Enclosures

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

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

Washington, DC 20463

September 23, 1996

Frederick and Susan Thielke
813 Cape Cod Court
Evans, GA 30809

RE: MUR 4464

Dear Mr. & Ms. Thielke:

The Federal Election Commission received a complaint which indicates that Katie Thielke, Abbey Thielke, Becca Thielke, and you 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 4464. Please refer to this number in all future correspondence.

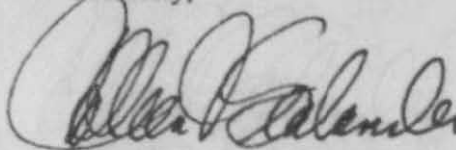
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Central Enforcement Docket

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

Washington, DC 20463

September 23, 1996

Duncan and Lynda Johnson
7 Eagleton Court
Augusta, GA 30909

RE: MUR 4464

Dear Mr. & Ms. Johnson:

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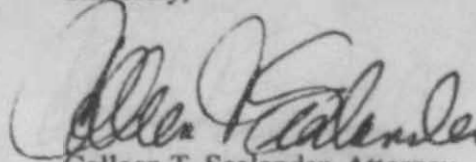
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Sincerely,



Colleen T. Sealander, Attorney
Central Enforcement Docket

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

Washington, DC 20463

September 23, 1996

Doctors Charles and Kim Wirsing
3413 Wheeler Road
Augusta, GA 30909-1841

RE: MUR 4464

Dear Drs. Wirsing:

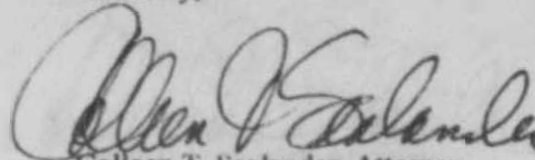
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Under the Act, you have the opportunity to demonstrate in writing that no action should be taken against Jackie Wirsing, Robyn Wirsing, Debbie Wirsing, and you in this matter. Please submit any factual or legal materials which you believe are relevant 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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Central Enforcement Docket

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TAYLOR, Joe Jr. & Sheila



TAYLOR, Kenneth & Marigene



TAYLOR, Marshall & Ann
Benjamin, Marsha



TEAGLE, Nancy
Amy



TEMPLES, Martha



THIELKE, Al & Edna



THIELKE, Frederick & Susan
Becca, Katie, Abbie



THOMAS, Chris



THOMAS, Preston & Patricia
Nick



THOMPSON, Bob & Becca



THOMPSON, Jack



THORNTON, David & Karen
Amanda, David Jr., Caroline



TIMMERMAN, Ransom & Mildred



TINLEY, Miriam



TOM, Darryl

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THIELKE

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WILLIAMSON, Joe &
Virginia



WILLIFO



WILSON, Ann M.



WILSON, Betty



WILSON, Louise P.



WILSON, Pauline



WINGARD, Charles & Doris



WINSTEAD, Michael &
Susan
Steven



WIRSING, Charles & Kim
Jackie, Robyn, Debbie



WITHERINGTON, Roy



WONG, Elaine D.



WONG, Ralph & Mae



WONG, Yau Kwan
Carla, Mark, Craig, Piers



WOO, Eugene Jr. & Lynne
Nelson, Keith, Eugene III



WOO, James & Bess

WIRSING

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David Meeker
 Anna Merwin
 Jeff Morris
 Christopher Rivers



Madison Roberts
 Steven Root
 Bretagne Savage
 Brooke Smith



Danielle Smoak
 Stephen Stincer
 Chad Tiller
 Jacob Townsend
 Jessica Wilson
 Robyn Wirsing



Class
 of
 1996

1994
 Yearbook

"And let us consider how we may spur one another on towards love and good deeds." HEBREWS 10:24

"Don't you know that you yourselves are God's temple and that God's Spirit lives within you." 1 CORINTHIANS 3:16



Gene Long
Meekaaeel McCullen
Julie Moore
Byron Morris
Patrick Murphy
Jennifer Neal



Victoria Nelson
Lauren Pedde
Nick Pramik



Todd Rivers
John Savage
Melissa Trest



Genevieve White
Ben Whitelaw
Deborah Wirsing



Piers Wong
Walter Worsham

"If one falls down, his friend
can help him up. But pity
the man who has no one to
help him up. Though one
maybe overpowered two can
defend themselves. A cord
of three strands is not
quickly broken".

ECCLESIASTES 4:10-12

1994
Yearbook



Tomomi Takagi
Ann Tankersley
Nick Tantarella



→ Jennifer Taylor
Becca Thielke
Brady Thomas



Nathan Thompson
Chris Thornock
Kelli Throne



Jennifer Tillman
Colby Tippens
John Tippet



Marko Tomic
Randy Trowbridge
Justin Turlak



Chad Turner
Sonya Turner
Jason Tyra



Brianne Ugelow
Osman Ullah
January Underwood



Strokes of Luck

I think this is also a 1994 Yearbook

Reasons To Believe in Luck

1. Passing trigonometry
2. Not studying for a test and doing well
3. Getting a date
4. Having Mr. Barney
5. Passing Mrs. Anderson's class
6. Shooting a half-court shot and making it
7. Having good friends
8. Arriving at school in one piece
9. Having a substitute on the day of a big test
10. What's luck?

KISSING

"Everytime 11:11 a.m. around on the clock, I into the air," says K "because all the num same."



BONUS

"When I see a person with a necklace clasp turned around, I make a wish. Also, when I have a big test or quiz, I'll eat



Hal Berman
John Blanchard
Byron Brown
Tamika Campbell



Stephanie Dixon
Lance Ellis
Doug Epple
Elizabeth Eubank



Matthew Fliermans
Cullen Gates
Christopher
Gensheer
Ryan Giles
Henry Hanks
Emily House

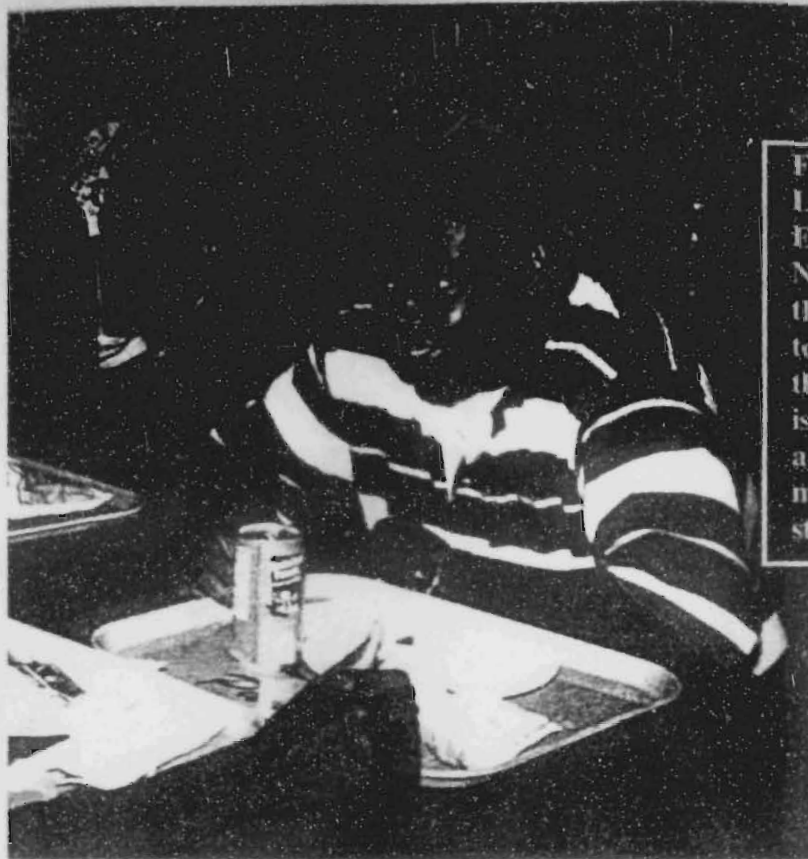


Chad Hubbard
Keenan Johnson
Brian Joiner
Nathan Lawson
Laura Ligon
Josh Matson



class of 1997

Seniors



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my mind
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jennifer mills

"Just one more year until I'm outta' here!" This thought crossed the mind of every junior many times during the year. Most juniors will admit that the best thing about their junior year was the fact that next year they would finally be **SENIORS!** Watch out, Lakeside! The Class of 1997 is going to rule the school!

Like every ot
ior, Trey Righ
himself hav
study hard and
tention in class
asked about hi
year, Trey
"This year is
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how to do it rig



Throughout her five years of teaching here at Westminster in the area of chemistry, Mrs. Susan Smith has always strived for her class to meet and to go beyond the goal of the school, the goal of being Christ-centered and preparatory. She always encourages her students to gain knowledge, but also to keep it in the right perspective, remembering that knowledge is useless unless properly applied to the Christian life. Mrs. Smith has always taught that there are certain spiritual absolutes on which science and chemistry are based, the most important of those being that "all things were created by Him and for Him, and in Him all things hold together" (Colossians 1:16,17). She challenges her students to think and to apply themselves in a way that truly prepares them for college, yet she is also there to sacrifice and to help her students meet those challenges. Mrs. Smith is and has been a true example of what it is to be an intelligent Christian who is in the world, yet not of it. Thank you Mrs. Smith.



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

October 3, 1996

Steve Anthony, Executive Director
Democratic Party of Georgia
1100 Spring Street, Suite 710
Atlanta, GA 30309

RE: MUR 4464

Dear Mr. Anthony:

This letter acknowledges receipt on September 30, 1996, of the supplement to the complaint you filed on September 16, 1996. The respondent(s) will be sent a copy of the supplement. You will be notified as soon as the Federal Election Commission takes final action on your complaint.

Sincerely,

Colleen T. Sealander, Attorney
Central Enforcement Docket

Celebrating the Commission's 20th Anniversary

YESTERDAY, TODAY AND TOMORROW
DEDICATED TO KEEPING THE PUBLIC INFORMED

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

October 3, 1996

Richard J. Dunstan, Treasurer
Norwood for Congress
P.O. Box 499
Evans, GA 30809

RE: MUR 4464

Dear Mr. Dunstan:

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Sincerely,

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Central Enforcement Docket

Enclosure

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

October 3, 1996

The Honorable Charles W. Norwood, Jr.
U.S. House of Representatives
1707 Longworth House Building
Washington, D.C. 20515-1010

RE: MUR 4464

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Central Enforcement Docket

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

October 3, 1996

The Honorable Charles W. Norwood, Jr.
P.O. Box 499
Evans, GA 30809

RE: MUR 4464

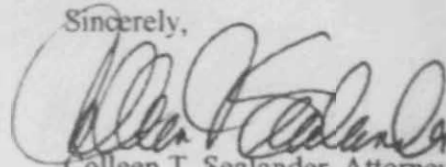
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Central Enforcement Docket

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

October 3, 1996

Frederick and Susan Thielke
813 Cape Cod Court
Evans, GA 30809

RE: MUR 4464

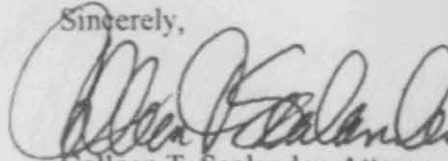
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Central Enforcement Docket

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

October 3, 1996

Duncan and Lynda Johnson
7 Eagleton Court
Augusta, GA 30909

RE: MUR 4464

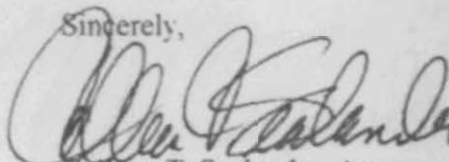
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Colleen T. Sealander, Attorney
Central Enforcement Docket

Enclosure

Celebrating the Commission's 20th Anniversary

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

October 3, 1996

Doctors Charles and Kim Wirsing
3413 Wheeler Road
Augusta, GA 30909

RE: MUR 4464

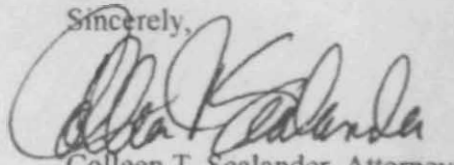
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341 WHEELER ROAD
AUGUSTA, GA 30909
SEPT 28, 1996

F. E. C.

OFFICE OF GENERAL
COUNCIL
WASHINGTON, D.C.

ATTN:
ALVA SMITH

Mrs. Smith:

I write in response to complaint:
MUR 4464 regarding the eligibility of my
three daughters to have made contributions to
the 1994 campaign of Congressman Charlie
Norwood. I will address each separately.

(1) JACKIE WIRSING:

Jackie was 18 years old in September,
1993 and was a registered voter in 1994.
She had substantial taxable income (1040 enclosed)
in 1994, had her own independent checking and
savings accounts controlled only by her, and
contributed happily to Mr. Norwood's campaign, indeed
she worked as a volunteer at times in his campaign
office.

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(2) ROBYN WIRSING:

Robyn was 16 years old and a student in 1994 but still had substantial income for the year (1040 attached). She too had her own self-controlled checking and savings accounts. Finally, she also happily contributed to On Hornwood's campaign and was delighted to have participated in the political process. She, also, did some volunteer work in On Hornwood's campaign office.

(3) DEBBIE WIRSING

Debbie was 15 years old and a student in 1994. She also, however, had substantial income for the year (1040 attached) from investment accounts. Though her investment accounts were under the direction of a Trustee, she readily agreed to also contribute to On Hornwood's campaign as did her sister.

I trust this information is sufficient to satisfy the requirements of the F.E.C. and asked that this complaint be dismissed.

Thank you.

Respectfully
On Charles J. Wirsing
DR CHARLES J. WIRSING

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Norwood

U.S. CONGRESS

October 3, 1996

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999 E Street, NW
Washington, DC 20463

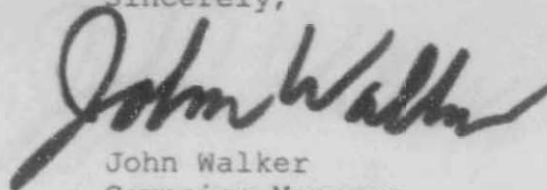
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Dear Sirs:

We have received the complaint filed with the FEC by the Democratic Party of Georgia. We have reviewed the complaint and feel we need further time to respond. Staff from our 1994 campaign (cited in the complaint) are now working on other campaigns in several different locations. We do not feel we have adequate time or resources to respond to these allegations, particularly with our current campaign drawing close to election day. We would therefore respectfully request that we be give an extension of time in which to respond to this complaint.

We appreciate your consideration.

Sincerely,



John Walker
Campaign Manager

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Norwood

U.S. CONGRESS

October 11, 1996

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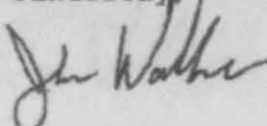
Elva Smith
Federal Election Commission
999 E Street, NW
Washington, DC 20463

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We appreciate your consideration.

Sincerely,



John Walker
Campaign Manager

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

October 15, 1996

John Walker, Campaign Manager
Norwood for Congress
P.O. Box 499
Evans, GA 30809

RE: MUR 4464
Norwood for Congress
and Richard Dunstan, as treasurer

Dear Mr. Walker:

This is in response to your letters dated October 3, and October 11, 1996, requesting an extension until November 11, 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 November 11, 1996.

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

Sincerely,

Alva E. Smith, Paralegal
Central Enforcement Docket

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October 14, 1996

VIA FACSIMILE (202) 219-3923

Lawrence M. Noble, Esq.
General Counsel
Federal Election Commission
999 E. Street, NW
Washington, D.C. 20463

RE: MUR 4464

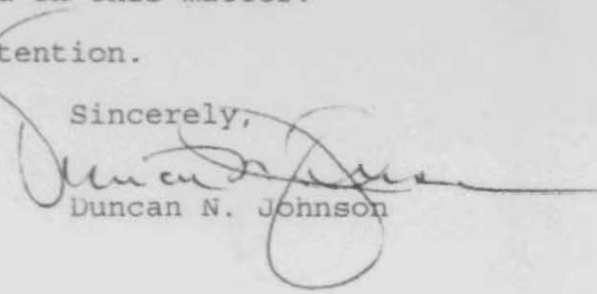
Dear Mr. Noble:

My wife, Lynda M. Johnson, and I received a letter on October 1, 1996 from the Federal Election Commission asking us for a response to the complaint filed in MUR 4464. Since we have never been involved in a Federal Election Commission proceeding, we would like to request a 20 day extension mentioned in your letter. This will give us a chance to review the complaint, see if we have any relevant materials and records, and prepare a response.

Accordingly, we would respectfully request an extension until November 5, 1996 to respond in this matter.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,


Duncan N. Johnson

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

October 15, 1996

Duncan N. Johnson
7 Eagleton Court
Augusta, GA 30903

MUR: 4464

Dear Mr. Johnson:

This is in response to your letter dated October 14, 1996, requesting a 20 day extension 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 November 5, 1996.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Alva E. Smith", is written above the typed name.

Alva E. Smith, Paralegal
Central Enforcement Docket

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OFFICE OF GENERAL
COUNSEL

OCT 22 10 19 AM '96

Dr. Frederick Thielke
3515 Preston Trail
Martinez, Georgia 30907
Thursday, October 10, 1996

Federal Election Commission
999 E Street, NW
Washington, DC 20643

mup 4464

Dear Sirs:

I am aware of the complaint lodged against the 1994 Norwood for Congress campaign mentioning my family. I am looking into the issues involved, but I am unable to locate the members of the 1994 Norwood campaign to gather further information about the reporting of our contributions. It is my understanding that they are working other campaigns. As that is the case, I need an extension of time until at least November 15 to be able to adequately respond to these issues.

I appreciate your attention to this request.

Sincerely yours,



Frederick Thielke

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

October 24, 1996

Dr. Frederick Thielke
3515 Preston Trail
Martinez, Georgia 30907

RE: MUR 4464

Dear Dr. Thielke:

This is in response to your letter dated October 10, 1996, which we received on October 22, 1996, requesting an extension until November 15, 1996, to respond to the complaint in the above-referenced matter. After considering the circumstances presented in your letter, the Office of the General has granted the requested extension. Accordingly, your response is due by the close of business on November 15, 1996.

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

Sincerely,

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Alva Smith, Paralegal
Central Enforcement Docket

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November 4, 1996

Lawrence M. Noble, Esquire
General Counsel
Federal Election Commission
999 E. Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20463

In re: MUR4464

Dear Mr. Noble,

This letter will serve as a response on behalf of my wife, Lynda M. Johnson, my son, Duncan N. Johnson, Jr., my daughter, Laura Johnson, and myself to the complaint received by The Federal Election Commission in which the Democratic Party of Georgia alleged a violation of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971.

After carefully reviewing the facts alleged by the Democratic Party of Georgia in its September 12, 1996 correspondence, we have concluded that all contributions to Congressman Norwood's campaigns are in accordance with the Federal Election Campaign Act.

At the time my son and daughter contributed to the primary, general election and runoff campaigns, my children were not minors; my daughter, Laura, was born on January 27, 1976 and my son, Duncan, Jr., was born on April 23, 1973. Moreover, the funds contributed by my children came from checking accounts owned, controlled and maintained by my children.

According to our records, I contributed an aggregate of \$990.00 during the primary election and \$1,000.00 during the general election.

My wife, Lynda M. Johnson, contributed an aggregate of \$990.00 during the primary election; she made no contributions during the general election and no contributions during the runoff election.

My daughter, Laura Johnson, contributed an aggregate of \$660.00 during the primary election, \$330.00 during the general election and \$330.00 during the runoff.

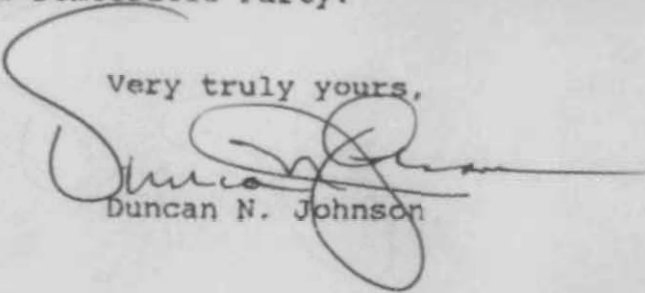
My son, Duncan Johnson, Jr., contributed \$1,000.00 on May 12, 1994 toward the primary election, an aggregate of \$660.00 toward

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the general election and \$1,000.00 on July 24, 1994 toward the runoff election. On page 5 of the September 12, 1996 letter from the Georgia Democratic Party, my son is credited with having given an additional \$1,000.00 on September 12, 1994. We do not believe that this amount is correct.

To our knowledge, we have not given, and Congressman Norwood has not accepted any illegal contributions toward either the primary, general or runoff elections. Accordingly, we respectfully request that The Federal Election Commission dismiss the complaint filed on behalf of the Georgia Democratic Party.

Very truly yours,


Duncan N. Johnson

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U.S. CONGRESS

November 8, 1996

Federal Election Commission
Central Enforcement Docket
Attn: Alva E. Smith
Washington, D.C. 20463

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Dear Ms. Smith:

I am writing in response to your letter of September 23 to Congressman Charlie Norwood numbered MUR 4464. Attached to the letter was a complaint filed against Congressman Norwood and his campaign.

I appreciate the granting of an extension to have this response prepared. The extension was requested in order to find and obtain information from the campaign managers for Congressman Norwood in 1994, the year the complaint alleges there were problems. Because there not much insight came from these managers, I have reconstructed on my own as best I could the events of 1994.

The Thielkes

From what I can tell, there never should have been any reporting of contributions by the Thielkes. Let me explain. Congressman Norwood was a dentist before he ran for Congress. He and his dental partner owned the building where the dental office was located. When he decided to run for Congress, Dr. Norwood sold his dental practice, and leased out to Dr. Thielke the dental office space. The campaign office was located in the same building as the dental offices but on the second floor which to the best of my knowledge was space that had never before been rented or utilized by the dental office. This was space that Dr. Norwood owned and should have been reported as a contribution from the candidate.

Why the 1994 campaign staff reported this space as an In-kind contribution from the Thielkes I do not know. My best guess is that it was the inexperience of two young men coming directly out of college combined with a lack of knowledge about the ownership situation.

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The Norwood campaign will file amended FEC reports to eliminate the Thielkes as In-kind contributors, and attribute the use of this space as a contribution from the candidate. Additionally, the cash contribution attributed to Becca Thielke of \$250 was a contribution from Dr. Fred Thielke. The campaign will file an amended report to reflect this.

The Johnsons

It appears that the listing of In-kind contributions sent to you is erroneous. In checking with the most recent reports sent as amendments to the FEC I find the following errors:

- 1) The 1/31/94 contribution from Lynda Johnson does not exist. It may be that this was a duplicate of the 1/31/94 contribution from Duncan Johnson.
- 2) The 6/30/94 contribution from Lynda Johnson is correct. However, I noticed that it did not show up on our amendment of 8/29/95 for the period 6/30/95 - 7/20/95. The Norwood campaign will file an amendment to reflect this.
- 3) The contribution of \$330 from Duncan Johnson, Jr. on 7/31/94 for the runoff has been previously amended as coming from Duncan Johnson.
- 4) The 8/31/94 contribution from Duncan Johnson, Jr. does not exist. It may be that this was a duplicate of the 8/31/94 contribution from Laura Johnson.
- 5) The 9/30/94 contribution from Duncan Johnson, Jr. does not exist. It may be that this was a duplicate of the 9/30/94 contribution from Laura Johnson.

The remaining contributions now seem to make sense in that there is one contribution of \$330 each month for the months December 1993 - September 1994. The extra contributions included in the listing were duplicates.

As for the monetary contributions from the Johnsons, the 5/12/94 contribution from Duncan Johnson, Jr. listed for the run-off is a duplicate of the 5/12/94 contribution from him for the primary. Our most recent reports are correct on this matter.

After a previous letter from the FEC, the 7/26/94 contribution from Duncan Johnson, Jr. was amended to reflect its donation for the general election. This was incorrect. This donation was for the primary runoff. The Norwood campaign will file an amendment to correct this.

The person who filed the complaint was obviously not using the most recent reports submitted to the FEC, and, therefore, has inaccurate information in his complaint. It appears that each member of the Johnson family is well within the individual contribution limits.

Both Duncan Johnson, Jr. and Laura Johnson certainly had financial standing to make the contributions. He were adults at the time and both had jobs in the lucrative family business. No one in the Johnson family is hurting for money.

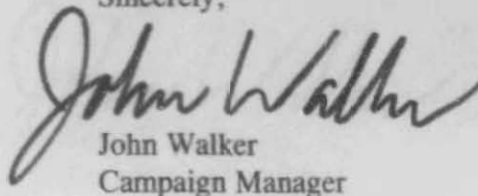
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As best as can be determined by the Norwood campaign, each member of the Wirsing family had financial standing to make the financial contributions as reported. However, even if this was not the case, the aggregate total of all the Wirsing family contributions for the 1994 primary election was \$1,000. The aggregate total of all the Wirsing family contributions for the 1994 general election was \$1,100 with Dr. Charles Wirsing contributing \$300 of the total and his wife, Dr. Kim (Jung) Wirsing, contributing \$200 of the total. In know way can this situation be construed as the Norwood campaign trying to skirt contribution limits by using the Wirsing children.

I believe that this response should answer the questions put forth in the complaint. The Norwood campaign will wait to file corrected FEC reports after we receive notification from the FEC that these changes will be sufficient. I hope this letter is a sufficient response for both the Norwood campaign and the families involved. If you need more information, please let me know.

Thank you for your patience in this matter. I look forward to receiving to your response.

Sincerely,


John Walker
Campaign Manager

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FREDERICK L. THIELKE, D.M.D.
3643 WALTON WAY EXTENSION
AUGUSTA, GEORGIA 30909
TELEPHONE 738-7129

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12 November 1996

Re: MUR 4464

Dear Ms. Smith,

This is in reference to our phone conversation today and I will attempt to clarify the situation. The following points should explain the sequence of events,

- I purchased the dental practice of Dr. Charles Norwood on 1 January 1994. He began his campaign that spring.
- He and Dr. Ronald Bowers own the building that Dr. Bowers and I practice in.

- We do not use the upstairs of the building. There is probably 2500-3000 square feet available. Dr. Norwood asked if he could use it for his local campaign headquarters. Since we weren't using it we (Dr. Bowers and I) agreed.

- Later in the campaign someone in Dr. Norwood's staff said that he needed to account for what he should be paying for rent- he wasn't paying rent at this time or ever. They determined a value for what Dr. Norwood would have paid on the open market for rent and gave both Dr. Bowers and me credit for a contribution. This was because we didn't charge rent, and Dr. Norwood didn't pay rent- no money changed hands. We just let him use the space.

- Apparently, Dr. Norwood's campaign staff then credited my family for various amounts of "rent" as a campaign contribution.

- I didn't realize there was a problem since I didn't contribute anything more than two checks of \$250.00 each- both in my name. No other monies changed hands. It apparently was a clerical error. Dr. Norwood was using part of a building that he owns. I only pay rent for the portion I use; and this is paid to a company controlled by Drs. Norwood and Bowers.

- This should explain the circumstances. There was no wrong done. My children didn't contribute one penny, as has been alleged. No monies changed hands. The only campaign contribution made was for \$500.00, from me to Dr. Norwood.

Thank you,

F. L. Thielke, DMD

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BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

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In the Matter of

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ENFORCEMENT PRIORITY

GENERAL COUNSEL'S REPORT

SENSITIVE

I. INTRODUCTION.

The cases listed below have been identified as either stale or of low priority based upon evaluation under the Enforcement Priority System (EPS). This report is submitted to recommend that the Commission no longer pursue these cases.

II. CASES RECOMMENDED FOR CLOSURE.

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

EPS was created to identify pending cases which, due to the length of their pendency in inactive status or the lower priority of the issues raised in the matters relative to others presently pending before the Commission, do not warrant further expenditure of resources. Central Enforcement Docket (CED) evaluates each incoming matter using Commission-approved criteria which results in a numerical rating of each case.

Closing such cases permits the Commission to focus its limited resources on more important cases presently pending before it. Based upon this review, we have identified 28 cases which do

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not warrant further action relative to other pending matters.¹ Attachment 1 to this report contains summaries of each case, the EPS rating, and the factors leading to assignment of a low priority and recommendation not to further pursue the matter.

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¹ These cases are: MUR 4419 (*Weinzapfel for Congress*); MUR 4423 (*Davis for Congress*); MUR 4424 (*Nevadans for "Spike" Wilson*); MUR 4429 (*Delahunt for Congress*); MUR 4430 (*Jean Leising for Congress*); MUR 4431 (*Engel for Congress*); MUR 4433 (*Delahunt for Congress*); MUR 4437 (*DiNicola for Congress Committee*); MUR 4440 (*Sue Kelly for Congress*); MUR 4450 (*National Treasury Employees*); MUR 4452 (*Mid-Suffolk N.O.W.*); MUR 4455 (*City of Milwaukee*); MUR 4456 (*Jackson Mint Ltd.*); MUR 4457 (*U.S. Department of Health and Human Services*); MUR 4458 (*KMA-AM Radio*); MUR 4461 (*Americans For Freedom Of Choice PAC*); MUR 4462 (*Ellen O. Tauscher*); MUR 4464 (*Norwood for Congress*); MUR 4465 (*Lincoln for Congress*); MUR 4469 (*Moseley-Braun for Senate*); MUR 4475 (*Manpower Temporary Services, Inc.*); MUR 4479 (*Owens for Congress Committee*); MUR 4482 (*Mike McCormack for Congress*); MUR 4487 (*Citizens for A Strong America*); MUR 4488 (*Ortiz for Congress*); MUR 4489 (*Gill for Congress*); MUR Pre-MUR 338 (*Richard Chrysler Inc.*); and Pre-MUR 339 (*Mammel & Associates, Inc.*).

We recommend that the Commission exercise its prosecutorial discretion and direct closure of the cases listed below, effective May 19, 1997. Closing these cases as of this date will permit CED and the Legal Review Team the necessary time to prepare closing letters and case files for the public record.

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III. RECOMMENDATIONS.

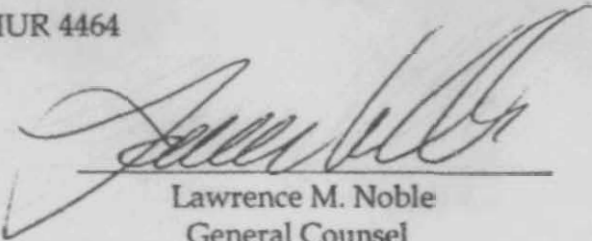
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2. Pre-MUR 339

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| 9. MUR 4440 | 18. MUR 4464 | |

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Date


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 the Commission decided by a vote of 5-0 on May 12, 1997, to take the following actions with respect to the General Counsel's May 6, 1997 report on enforcement priority:

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Commissioners Aikens, Elliott, McDonald, McGarry, and Thomas voted affirmatively for the decision.

Attest:

5-13-97
Date

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

Received in the Secretariat: Tues., May 06, 1997 2:45 p.m.
Circulated to the Commission: Wed., May 07, 1997 11:00 a.m.
Deadline for vote: Mon., May 12, 1997 4:00 p.m.

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

May 19, 1997

CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Steve Anthony, Executive Director
Democratic Party of Georgia
1100 Spring Street, Suite 710
Atlanta, GA 30309

RE: MUR 4464

Dear Mr. Anthony:

On September 16, 1996, 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 May 19, 1997. 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,

F. Andrew Turley
Supervisory Attorney
Central Enforcement Docket

Attachment
Narrative

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MUR 4464
NORWOOD FOR CONGRESS

Steve Anthony, Executive Director of the Democratic Party of Georgia, alleges that the parents of three families (Thielke, Wirsing, and Johnson) used their minor children as conduits for their contributions to Norwood for Congress and that, when the children's contributions are attributed to the parents, the contributions become excessive. Mr. Anthony also alleged that Dr. Thelke provided an in-kind contribution to Norwood by permitting free use of office space, including utilities, for campaign offices.

John Walker, campaign manager for respondent Norwood for Congress, asserts that the in-kind contributions for rent and utilities from the Thielkes resulted from a misunderstanding. He states that Dr. Norwood leased first floor space to Dr. Thielke's dental practice and used the second floor as a campaign office. He also states that certain contributions from members of the Johnson family were duplicated and inflated by \$1,990. Mr. Walker notes that amended reports filed by the campaign clarified the nature of these contributions as being designated for the primary runoff election; accordingly, they were not excessive. Furthermore, Mr. Walker states that the Johnson "children" are not minors, as alleged, but adults with jobs in the family business. He professes no knowledge to indicate that the Wirsing family donations were improper.

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Mr. Duncan Johnson responds on behalf of his family that the contributions given by them were within legal limits, and his children are adults with their own checking accounts. He also stated that the figures and dates of contributions in the complaint were not accurate. His response substantiates that of Mr. Walker concerning total contributions per family member per election.

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This matter is less significant relative to other matters pending before the Commission.

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

May 19, 1997

Abram J. Serotta, Treasurer
Norwood for Congress
P.O. Box 499
Evans, GA 30809

RE: MUR 4464

Dear Mr. Serotta:

On September 23, 1996, the Federal Election Commission notified Richard J. Dunstan, the former treasurer, of a complaint alleging certain violations of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended. A copy of the complaint and supplement was enclosed with the notifications.

After considering the circumstances of this matter, the Commission has determined to exercise its prosecutorial discretion and to take no action against Norwood for Congress and you, as treasurer. See attached narrative. Accordingly, the Commission closed its file in this matter on May 19, 1997.

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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Sincerely

F. Andrew Tarley
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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

May 19, 1997

The Honorable Charles W. Norwood, Jr.
US House of Representatives
1707 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515-1010

RE: MUR 4464

Dear Representative Norwood:

On September 23, 1996, the Federal Election Commission notified you of a complaint alleging certain violations of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended. A copy of the complaint and supplement was enclosed with the notifications.

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

May 19, 1997

Frederick and Susan Thielke
813 Cape Cod Court
Evans, GA 30809

RE: MUR 4464

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Thielke:

On September 23, 1996, the Federal Election Commission notified you of a complaint alleging certain violations of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended. A copy of the complaint and supplement was enclosed with the notifications.

After considering the circumstances of this matter, the Commission has determined to exercise its prosecutorial discretion and to take no action against Katie Thielke, Abbey Thielke, Becca Thielke, and you. See attached narrative. Accordingly, the Commission closed its file in this matter on May 19, 1997.

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John Walker, campaign manager for respondent Norwood for Congress, asserts that the in-kind contributions for rent and utilities from the Thielkes resulted from a misunderstanding. He states that Dr. Norwood leased first floor space to Dr. Thielke's dental practice and used the second floor as a campaign office. He also states that certain contributions from members of the Johnson family were duplicated and inflated by \$1,990. Mr. Walker notes that amended reports filed by the campaign clarified the nature of these contributions as being designated for the primary runoff election; accordingly, they were not excessive. Furthermore, Mr. Walker states that the Johnson "children" are not minors, as alleged, but adults with jobs in the family business. He professes no knowledge to indicate that the Wirsing family donations were improper.

Dr. Frederick Thielke responds that he bought Dr. Norwood's dentistry practice and used the first floor of the building while Dr. Norwood's committee used the second floor. Dr. Norwood retained ownership of the building with another dentist. No money ever changed hands for rent, and the only monetary contributions were from Dr. Thielke totaling \$500.

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Dr. Charles Wirsing responded on behalf of his family that his three daughters had substantial incomes in 1994 and includes copies of the 1994 tax returns for each. He stated that his daughters, ages 15, 16, and 19, made independent decisions to contribute money to Norwood for Congress.

This matter is less significant relative to other matters pending before the Commission.



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

May 19, 1997

Duncan and Lynda Johnson
7 Eagleton Court
Augusta, GA 30909

RE: MUR 4464

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Johnson:

On September 23, 1996, the Federal Election Commission notified you of a complaint alleging certain violations of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended. A copy of the complaint and supplement was enclosed with the notifications.

After considering the circumstances of this matter, the Commission has determined to exercise its prosecutorial discretion and to take no action against Laura Johnson, Duncan Johnson, Jr., and you. See attached narrative. Accordingly, the Commission closed its file in this matter on May 19, 1997.

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 Alva E. Smith on our toll-free telephone number, (800) 424-9530. Our local telephone number is (202) 219-3400.

Sincerely

F. Andrew Turley
Supervisory Attorney
Central Enforcement Docket

Attachment
Narrative

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MUR 4464
NORWOOD FOR CONGRESS

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May 19, 1997

Drs. Charles and Kim Wirsing
3413 Wheeler Road
Augusta, GA 30909-1841

RE: MUR 4464

Dear Drs. Wirsing:

On September 23, 1996, the Federal Election Commission notified you of a complaint and supplement alleging certain violations of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended. A copy of the complaint and supplement was enclosed with the notifications.

After considering the circumstances of this matter, the Commission has determined to exercise its prosecutorial discretion and to take no action against Jackie Wirsing, Robyn Wirsing, Debbie Wirsing, and you. See attached narrative. Accordingly, the Commission closed its file in this matter on May 19, 1997.

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MUR 4464
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THE ATTACHED MATERIAL IS BEING ADDED TO CLOSED MUR 4464

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20463

July 1, 1997

Mr. Steve Anthony
Democratic Party of Georgia
1100 Spring Street, Suite 710
Atlanta, GA 30309

Dear Mr. Anthony:

This is in response to your June 13, 1997 letter regarding the above-captioned Matter Under Review (MUR).

The complaint and responses in MUR 4464 were rated pursuant to the objective criteria of the Commission's prioritization system. That system was developed to assist the Commission in determining where best to focus its limited resources. Based on the rating in MUR 4464, the Commission exercised its prosecutorial discretion and determined to take no action and close the file. The Commission did not reach any conclusions concerning the violations alleged in the complaint, or the potential liability of any respondents identified therein. Its decision was based solely on resource considerations.

Please let me know if I can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

A. Turley (ZP)

Andy Turley
Supervisory Attorney
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