




FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

SENSITIVE

MEMORANDUM

TO: The Commissioners
Staff Director
Deputy Staff Director
Acting General Counsel

FROM: Office of the Commission Secretary 

DATE: May 1, 2001

SUBJECT: Statement of Reasons for MUR 4530

Attached is a copy of the Statement of Reasons for
MUR 4530 signed by Vice Chairman David M. Mason, Commissioner
Darryl R. Wold, and Commissioner Bradley A. Smith. This was received
in the Commission Secretary's Office on Tuesday, May 1, 2001 at
9:57 a.m.

cc: Vincent J. Convery, Jr.

Attachment

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BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

In the Matter of)
) MUR 4530
Yah Lin "Charlie" Trie)

STATEMENT OF REASONS

On January 9, 2001, by a vote of 5-0¹, the Commission rejected the Office of General Counsel's recommendation to find probable cause to believe that Yah Lin "Charlie" Trie ("Trie") violated 2 U.S.C. 441e(a) with respect to a \$325,000 contribution solicited from a permanent resident, Yogesh Gandhi ("Gandhi") and made by a foreign national, Yoshio Tanaka ("Tanaka").

The Commission concluded that Trie's solicitation was directed to Gandhi, a permanent resident, who could lawfully contribute. There was insufficient evidence that Trie knew or had reason to know that the true source of the funds would not be Gandhi, but another person, Tanaka, who was a foreign national. Therefore, we could not conclude that Trie had directed his solicitation to a foreign national.

4/30/01
Date

David M. Mason
David M. Mason, Vice-Chairman

4/27/01
Date

Darryl R. Wold
Darryl R. Wold, Commissioner

4/30/01
Date

Bradley A. Smith
Bradley A. Smith, Commissioner

¹ Chairman McDonald was recused and did not vote on this matter.

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