



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION  
Washington, DC 20463

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Commissioners  
General Counsel Norton  
Staff Director Pehrkon

FROM: Office of the Commission Secretary *V7V*

DATE: July 30, 2002

SUBJECT: Statement of Reasons for MUR 4530

Attached is a copy of the Statement of Reasons for MUR 4530  
signed by Commissioner Sandstrom. This was received in the  
Commission Secretary's Office on Tuesday, July 30, 2002 at  
3:53 p.m.

cc: Vincent J. Convery, Jr.  
OGC Docket (5)

Attachments



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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 5-0<sup>1</sup>, 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. The Commission found there was insufficient evidence that Trie knew the true source of the funds would not be Gandhi, but another person, Tanaka, who was a foreign national. Therefore, the Commission could not conclude Trie had solicited funds from a foreign national in violation of section 441e(a).

7/30/2002  
Date

Karl J. Sandstrom  
Karl J. Sandstrom,  
Vice Chairman

<sup>1</sup> Chairman McDonald was recused and hence, did not vote on this matter.