




FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Commissioners
Staff Director
Deputy Staff Director
General Counsel

FROM: Office of the Commission Secretary 

DATE: July 31, 2002

SUBJECT: Statement Of Reasons for MUR 4530

Attached is a copy of the Statement Of Reasons for MUR 4530
signed by Vice Chairman Karl J. Sandstrom.

This was received in the Commission Secretary's Office on
Wednesday, July 31, 2002 at 9:42 a.m.

cc: Vincent J. Convery, Jr.
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BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

In the Matter of)

DNC Services Corporation/Democratic
National Committee and its treasurer)

MUR 4530

STATEMENT OF REASONS

On July 17, 2001, by a 3-3¹ vote, the Commission failed to find probable cause to believe that DNC Services Corporation/Democratic National Committee and its treasurer violated 2 U.S.C. §§ 441e(a) and 441f, and 11 CFR § 103.3(a) in connection with the solicitation, acceptance, receipt, and failure to deposit in a timely fashion \$450,000 in contributions from Arief and Soraya Wiriadinata. The contributions from the Wiriadinatas were legal on their face – the contributions came from legal permanent residents on checks from a Virginia bank. There is no evidence that the DNC or its solicitor knew the funds originated from Soraya Wiriadinata's foreign national father. Nor is there compelling evidence that the foreign national father, who was apparently in a coma on or about the time of the contributions, directed that any of the money he routinely gave his adult daughter be directed toward any political causes.

The undersigned concluded there was insufficient evidence the DNC knew that the contributions from Arief and Soraya Wiriadinata had actually come from foreign sources.

7/30/2002

Date

Karl J. Sandstrom, Vice Chairman

¹ Commissioners Mason, Smith and Wold voted in the affirmative.