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FIRST GENERAL COUNSEL'S REPORT

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MUR # 4624

STAFF MEMBERS: X. McDonnell

Eugene Bull

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SOURCE: Democratic National Committee
B.J. Thornberry, Executive Director

RESPONDENTS: The Coalition
United States Chamber of Commerce
National Association of Manufacturers
National Association of Wholesaler-Distributors
National Federation of Independent Businesses
National Restaurant Association
Americans for Tax Reform
Citizens for a Sound Economy
Republican National Committee
and Alex Poitevint, as treasurer
National Republican Congressional Committee,
and Donna Singleton, as treasurer
37 candidate/candidate committees and their treasurers,
Representative John Boehner
The Thursday Group, *et al*

RELEVANT STATUTES: 2 U.S.C. § 433
2 U.S.C. § 434
2 U.S.C. § 441a
2 U.S.C. § 441b
2 U.S.C. § 441d(a)

INTERNAL REPORTS CHECKED: Disclosure Reports

FEDERAL AGENCIES CHECKED: None

22-04-406-0036

I. GENERATION OF MATTER

This matter was generated by a complaint alleging that the Coalition, an unincorporated association of various trade and business associations, coordinated its 5 million dollar expenditure campaign with the National Republican Congressional Committee ("NRCC"), the Republican National Committee ("RNC") and 37 authorized Republican candidates who ran for election in 1996.¹

¹ Two other campaigns, those of William Walsh (IL) and John Tate (VA), appear to have been notified in error. See footnote 28.

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²⁸ Two additional candidates -- Citizens for Walsh (Walsh--IL) and Tate for Congress (Tate-VA), appear to have been notified of the complaint in error. Accordingly, this Office recommends that the Commission find no reason to believe that they or their treasurers violated the Act in this matter and close the file as it pertains to them.

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VI. RECOMMENDATIONS

17. Find no reason to believe that Citizens for Walsh and Kimberly Reynolds Crockett, as treasurer, and Tate for Congress and Anne M. Coulter, as treasurer, violated the Act or Commission regulations with regard to this matter and close the file as to them.

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Date

LM Noble (292)
Lawrence M. Noble
General Counsel

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20463

MEMORANDUM

TO: Office of the Commission Secretary
FROM: Office of General Counsel *Yes*
DATE: April 21, 1998
SUBJECT: MUR 4624- First General Counsel's Report

The attached is submitted as an Agenda document for the Commission Meeting of _____

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20463

MEMORANDUM

TO: LAWRENCE M. NOBLE
GENERAL COUNSEL

FROM: MARJORIE W. EMMONS/LISA R. DAVIS
COMMISSION SECRETARY



DATE: APRIL 27, 1998

SUBJECT: MUR 4624 - First General Counsel's Report dated April 21, 1998.

The above-captioned document was circulated to the Commission
on **Wednesday, April 22, 1998.**

Objection(s) have been received from the Commissioner(s) as
indicated by the name(s) checked below:

Commissioner Aikens	—
Commissioner Elliott	—
Commissioner McDonald	<u>XXX</u>
Commissioner McGarry	—
Commissioner Thomas	<u>XXX</u>

This matter will be placed on the meeting agenda for
Tuesday, May 12, 1998.

Please notify us who will represent your Division before the Commission on this
matter.

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