



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

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RE: MURs 4568, 4633, 4634 and 4736
Citizens for the Republic Education Fund
and Carolyn Malenick, as corporate officer

Dear Ms. Malenick:

This is to advise you that on May 7, 2002, the Commission considered the recommendations made in the July 18, 2001 General Counsel's Brief and the arguments presented in the Response you submitted on behalf of Citizens for the Republic Education Fund ("CREF"). There was an insufficient number of votes to find probable cause to believe that CREF, or you as a corporate officer of CREF, had violated 2 U.S.C. §§ 433, 434, 441a or 441b. Accordingly, the file has been closed in these matters as they pertain to CREF, and you as a corporate officer of CREF.

This matter remains open as to other respondents. Therefore, the confidentiality provisions of 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(4)(B) and § 437g(a)(12)(A) remain in effect until the entire matter is closed. The Commission will notify you when the entire file has been closed. A Statement of Reasons providing a basis for the Commission's decision will follow once the entire file has been closed. If you have any questions, you may contact Mark Shonkwiler, the attorney assigned to this matter, at (202) 694-1650.

Sincerely,

Lawrence H. Norton
General Counsel

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Rhonda J. Vosdingh".

BY: Rhonda J. Vosdingh
Associate General Counsel
For Enforcement

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