

October 31, 1997

F. Andrew Turley
Supervisory Attorney
Central Enforcement Docket
Federal Election Commission
999 E Street, NW
Washington, DC 20463

RE: MUR 4682

Dear Mr. F. Andrew Turley:

Our family has received your letter regarding a complaint filed by Chris DePino, the Chairman of the Connecticut Republicans, that alleges a violation of Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, specifically 2 U.S.C. - 441f and 2 U.S.C. - 441e. The basis of the complaint filed cites an article by The Hartford Currant dated August 5th, 1997.

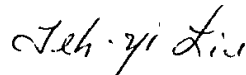
The article implies that Tsing pie Liu was a restaurant worker and that her income could not have been sufficient to support a \$2,000 contribution. In point of fact, The Hartford Courant reporter did not check his sources carefully and quickly jumped to an erroneous conclusion. First of all, the contribution came from both Mr. & Mrs. Liu. The check was from their joint account. Second of all, Mrs. Tsing pie Liu was at the time of the "alleged incident" and for the ten years prior, manager of Bagel's Etc and of B.T. Express at the Richardson Mall in downtown Hartford. During this time, she was also the treasurer of the Corporation, J&T Inc. which she and her husband owned. In addition, Mr. Ju Chao Liu was until two years ago, a senior research chemist at Loctite Corporation. The brief quote from Mrs. Liu in the article did not even reflect the conversation that took place between Mrs. Liu and The Hartford Courant reporter.

Mrs. Liu had declined to engage in a conversation with the reporter because of her poor English. Her husband generally tends to all legal and financial matters but he recently suffered a stroke from which he has been unable to recover his mental faculties. This precipitated Mrs. Liu to close Bagels Etc (BT Express had already been closed by then). Mrs. Liu attempted to explain this to the reporter but he kept pressing for information. The reporter asked her if she worked in a restaurant and she answered that she did. He did not ask what her function was in the restaurant or who the owner of the restaurant was. He jumped to the conclusion that she was a restaurant worker and implied that the contribution was a lot of money for a restaurant worker to contribute. At no time did Mrs. Liu deny making a contribution in support of Sam Gejdenson. She attempted to stop the conversation because she did not know why the reporter was asking questions regarding a contribution made three years ago. Mrs. Liu did not know who this person was and did not wish to volunteer information to a total stranger.

The article implies that the money that Mrs. Liu contributed to Sam Gejdenson was not actually her money. In fact, Mr. and Mrs. Liu wrote a check to support Sam Gejdenson from a joint husband & wife bank account. Mr. & Mrs. Liu file a joint income tax return for quite a number of years that can support that their gross income is well over a year. Both Mr. and Mrs. Liu are U.S. citizens and have been for a number of years. Neither have had criminal records and Mr. Liu was employed until his stroke as a senior chemical engineer at Loctite Corp. All these facts can be researched.

The article from the Hartford Courant has gone pretty far in damaging their good standing in their community through innuendo and association. It uses quotes that were taken out of context to portray Mrs. Liu in a negative light. The article reeks of ethno-phobia and provides sufficient cause for a person of Asian ethnicity to think twice before making another campaign contribution to any political party. This is a strong evidence of poor reporting on the part of The Hartford Courant.


Sincerely,



Teh-yi Liu
(P.O.A. and daughter of Ju Chao Liu;
responding on behalf of Tsing Pie Liu & J. C. Liu)

Enclosed: MUR 4682 letter of complaint & request for investigation
Copy of 1994 1040 filed by Mr. & Mrs. Liu
Copy of 1994 CT-1040 filed by Mr. & Mrs. Liu
Copy of J & T Inc Sales and Tax Permit for 1994
Copy of original 1994 check-contribution made by Mr. & Mrs. Liu
Copy of Power of Attorney for Mr. Liu assigned to Teh-yi Liu

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