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MUR 4684

Dear Sirs,

On Monday, Oct. 13, 1997, the Spartanburg County Republican Party held an event from 5 pm to 8 pm at the Spartanburg County Memorial Auditorium for Bob Inglis, (R-S.C.) candidate for U.S. Senator in the Nov. 1998 election. Mr. Inglis had a guest speaker, John R Kasich (R-OH) present to speak at this fundraising event. It appears this event and guest speaker was a plan to raise **SOFT MONEY** for Bob Inglis!

Probably the money raised at this event will be laundry through the local Republican Party and directed into Bob Inglis' Senatorial Campaign for his election.

A local radio station, WORD-AM Greenville, S.C., broadcasted this event LIVE from the auditorium for 3 hours. They talked to him live and on the car phone at this event continuing to tell the radio audience to come to this event. They announced sever times that tickets were available for \$35.00. The talk show host told the radio audience that he was a guest at the dinner table of the County Republican Chair. The radio station repeatedly made comments about Mr. Inglis' motor home that he designed for his campaign. ( It has large pictures of this candidate and political posters) This van was parked outside the auditory and beside the radio's broadcasting van. This allowed the radio audience to locate and ride by to see this van.

It appears that were the FCC violation occurred was all this publicity was free and endorsed this candidate when there is another candidate seeking re-election, U.S. Senator Earnest F. Hollings (D-S.C.) Because the live radio program helped promoted ticket sales, this appears to be a violation of FCC regulations and added in raising **SOFT MONEY** for only candidate.

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The following are the names of the groups that I believe made the violation;

Anell Kirkland  
WORD-AM Radio  
501 Rutherfordton St.  
Greenville, S.C. 29609

Jim Johnson  
Republican Chair  
Spartanburg County Republican Party  
449 E. Main St.  
Spartanburg, S.C. 29302

Bob Inglis  
Representatives  
320 CHOB

Fax 202-226-1177

I believe the statements I have written are true as they appeared to me on Monday, Oct. 13, 1997. Your help in clarifying this situation will be appreciated

Sworn to me this date;

10-17-97  
Hubert L. Sherris  
M.A. Comm. Expt. 9-28-200

Judy R. Bradley

Judy R. Bradley 10/17/97  
864 385 6957

Chair  
Spartanburg Democratic Party  
P.O. Box 2682  
Spartanburg, S.C. 29304

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**FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION**  
**Washington, DC 20463**

October 27, 1997

Judy R. Bradley, Chair  
Spartanburg Democratic Party  
PO Box 2682  
Spartanburg, SC 29304

RE: MUR 4684

Dear Ms. Bradley:

This letter acknowledges receipt on October 20, 1997, of your complaint alleging possible violations of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended. The respondent(s) will be notified of this complaint within five business days.

You will be notified as soon as the Federal Election Commission takes final action on your complaint. Should you receive any additional information in this matter, please forward it to the Office of the General Counsel. Such information must be notarized and sworn to in the same manner as the original complaint. We have numbered this matter MUR 4684. Please refer to this number in all future communications. For your information, we have attached a brief description of the Commission's procedures for handling complaints.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "F. Andrew Tarley", is written over a horizontal line.

**F. Andrew Tarley**  
**Supervisory Attorney**  
**Central Enforcement Docket**

Enclosure  
Procedures

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**FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION**  
**Washington, DC 20463**

October 27, 1997

Anell Kirkland, General Manager  
WORD-AM Radio  
PO Box 1330  
Greenville, SC 29602-1330

RE: MUR 4684

Dear Ms. Kirkland:

The Federal Election Commission received a complaint which indicates that you may have violated the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended ("the Act"). A copy of the complaint is enclosed. We have numbered this matter MUR 4684. Please refer to this number in all future correspondence.

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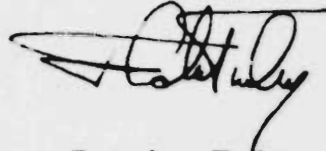
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Sincerely,



F. Andrew Tuttle  
Supervisory Attorney  
Central Enforcement Docket

Enclosures

1. Complaint
2. Procedures
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**FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION**  
**Washington, DC 20463**

October 27, 1997

Jim Johnson, Chair  
Spartanburg County Republican Party  
449 E. Main Street  
Spartanburg, SC 29302

RE: MUR 4684

Dear Mr. Johnson:

The Federal Election Commission received a complaint which indicates that Spartanburg County Republican Party ("Committee") and you may have violated the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended ("the Act"). A copy of the complaint is enclosed. We have numbered this matter MUR 4684. Please refer to this number in all future correspondence.

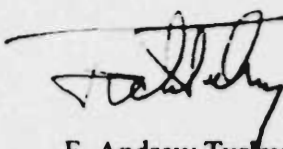
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F. Andrew Turley  
Supervisory Attorney  
Central Enforcement Docket

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**FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION**  
**Washington, DC 20463**

October 27, 1997

Jeffrey J. Parker, Treasurer  
Inglis for Senate Committee  
2530 East North Street, #6A  
Greenville, SC 29615

RE: MUR 4684

Dear Mr. Parker:

The Federal Election Commission received a complaint which indicates that Inglis for Senate Committee ("Committee") and you, as treasurer, may have violated the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended ("the Act"). A copy of the complaint is enclosed. We have numbered this matter MUR 4684. Please refer to this number in all future correspondence.

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F. Andrew Turley  
Supervisory Attorney  
Central Enforcement Docket

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION  
Washington, DC 20463

October 27, 1997

The Honorable Robert D. Inglis  
US House of Representative  
320 Cannon House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515-4004

RE: MUR 4684

Dear Mr. Inglis:

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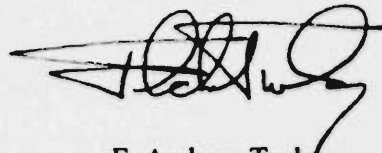
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Sincerely,



F. Andrew Turley  
Supervisory Attorney  
Central Enforcement Docket

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**FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION**  
**Washington, DC 20463**

October 27, 1997

William L. Curlis, Treasurer  
Citizens for Kasich  
865 Macon Alley  
Columbus, OH 43206

RE: MUR 4684

Dear Mr. Curlis:

The Federal Election Commission received a complaint which indicates that Citizens for Kasich ("Committee") and you, as treasurer, may have violated the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended ("the Act"). A copy of the complaint is enclosed. We have numbered this matter MUR 4684. Please refer to this number in all future correspondence.

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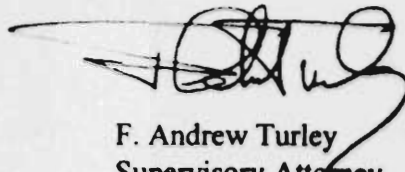
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Sincerely,



F. Andrew Turley  
Supervisory Attorney  
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cc: The Honorable John R. Kasich

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November 5, 1997  
RE: MUR 4684

Office of General Counsel  
Federal Election Commission  
Washington, D. C. 20463

James F. Johnson  
Former Chairman  
Spartanburg County Republican Party  
1101 Asheville Highway  
Spartanburg, S. C. 29303

Dear Sirs:

I was recently informed that I have been named in a complaint to your office which you have labeled MUR4684.

I am no longer Chairman of the Spartanburg County Republican Party. I was, however, at the time the alleged violation occurred. It is my understanding that your office is obliged to investigate any and all complaints, no matter how absurd or frivolous. I gained the permission of the new Chairman, Mr. Bob Hamilton, for your office to have open access to all of our records regarding our recent event so that you can spend your valuable time investigating serious matters rather than frivolous, even silly complaints devoid of even a hint of merit. I would, however, be interested in knowing whether or not there is any established rule or precedent allowing me to counter-claim against this complaintant on the grounds that it is totally baseless and has wasted my time and yours. I suspect the claim was lodged out of jealousy of a highly successful event by the head of a political party which has withered almost to the point of non-existence in Spartanburg County.

It is most difficult from my reading of Ms. Bradley's letter to determine of what I might be accused. I will, therefore, respond to the statements made as best I can without benefit of logical, coherent statements from my accuser.

The Spartanburg County Republican Party did, in fact, hold our annual Bronze Elephant dinner on October 13, 1997 at the Spartanburg Memorial Auditorium. I have enclosed copies of the invitation which clearly indicates the event was focused entirely on Congressman John Kasich and not Congressman Inglis. In fact, the event was originally scheduled for September 25th, but had to be postponed in order to accomodate Congressman Kasich's schedule. Fifteen hundred invitations were mailed for the first date, and had to be re-sent due to the change.

With regard to Ms. Bradley's assertion that the money raised from our event "will be

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Laundry" through the local Republican Party and directed into Bob Inglis' Senatorial Campaign, I can only tell you that you are more than welcome and invited to inspect our books and see for yourself not only where the money came from, but where it went. All the money raised from our event was deposited into the checking account of the Spartanburg County Republican Party and will be used for reasonable, legitimate, ethical and legal County Party expenses. Not one dime has been or will be given to any Federal Candidate.

I cannot imagine that, given our simple and direct method of bookkeeping, it would take more than 2 minutes to prove Ms. Bradley's assertion to be false.

Ms. Bradley seems to be confused as to the nature of our event. It was a Republican Party event featuring Congressman Kasich, not Congressman Inglis. Congressman Inglis did attend, we did ask him to introduce Congressman Kasich. But again, Congressman Kasich was our keynote speaker and honored guest.

Yes, the radio station WORD did broadcast the event. I am not sure who the "him" is that Ms. Bradley referred to. The Talk Show host did interview Congressman Kasich., Yes, the tickets were \$35.00. Yes, I did invite the Talk Show host to dine at my table. I do not remember how many times, if any, the Talk Show hosts made reference to Congressman Inglis' motorhome. Yes, the motor home does have pictures of Congressman Inglis on it, and yes, it was parked outside the auditorium.

I am not aware that the Talk Show host endorsed a candidate. However, would they not have a First Right Amendment Right to do so if they wished?

Ms. Bradley's claims, to the extent that I can understand them are without merit and baseless. Please note that Ms. Bradley incorrectly identified the County Party's address. The correct address of the County Party is Post Office Box 5475, Spartanburg, S. C. 29304. My address is noted above.

Sincerely,



James F. Johnson

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## Spartanburg County Republican Party Bronze Elephant Club

We cordially invite you to join the Bronze Elephant Club  
of the Spartanburg County Republican Party.  
Membership in this club entitles you to attend all  
Bronze Elephant events free of charge.

Your support of this club will ensure that Republicans  
remain strong in Spartanburg County.

☐ Yes, I would love to join the Bronze  
Elephant Club!

I will pay my dues	Individuals	\$ 60
<input type="checkbox"/> Annually	Couples	90
<input type="checkbox"/> Semi-Annually	Students	30
<input type="checkbox"/> Quarterly	Family	120

Name

Address

Phone No.  Precinct

## Banquet Response Card

☐ Yes, I will sponsor a table of 8 which entitles  
me to invite 6 guests and receive 2 tickets to the  
VFP Reception \$450.00

☐ Yes, I will serve on the Host Committee. This  
entitles me to 2 tickets to the Banquet and 2  
tickets to the VFP Reception \$250.00

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Event ☐ will be attending

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Address

Phone Number

DEAR FRIEND,

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Bronze Elephant Club

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An Evening With

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Congressman from Ohio

**NEW DATE!**  
**MONDAY OCT. 13**  
**SAME PLACE & TIME**  
6:00 p.m.

Spartanburg Memorial Auditorium

Bronze Elephant Club

Members receive a  
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Business Attire

Reply Card

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# Inglis

A NEW SENATE

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Telephone: (864)250-1998  
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Finally, Someone's Listening!

November 12, 1997

Sent via FedEx

Mr. F. Andrew Turley  
Supervisor Attorney  
Central Enforcement Docket  
Federal Election Commission  
999 E Street, N.W.  
Washington, DC 20463

Dear Mr. Turley:

This letter is in response to your letter of October 27, 1997. The complaint numbered MUR4684 is frivolous, borders on unintelligible, and should be swiftly dismissed.

The referenced event was the annual fund raising dinner for the Spartanburg County Republican Party. Rep. Kasich appeared as the keynote speaker, and no funds were raised for or contributed to the Inglis for Senate Committee. A copy of the invitation is enclosed which substantiates these points.

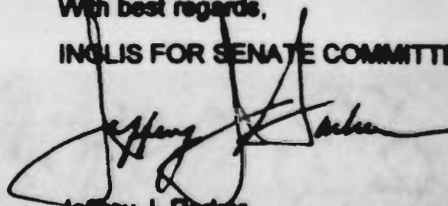
I have no reason to believe that WORD radio covered this event as anything other than a local news item. The appearance of Rep. Kasich, Chairman of the House Budget Committee and someone mentioned as a candidate for the office of President of the United States, stimulated news coverage from a variety of sources. Some of the coverage failed to mention Rep. Inglis at all.

As for the motor home, most of the major papers and television stations in the state have done news pieces on it as it traveled through their coverage areas. Obviously, this is not a violation of federal law.

If you have any additional questions, you can reach me at either my home office at 864/322-5595 or my client office at 864/250-5225.

With best regards,

INGLIS FOR SENATE COMMITTEE

  
Jeffrey J. Parker  
Treasurer

Enclosure



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Name \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_ President \_\_\_\_\_

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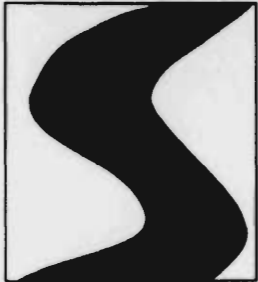
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Spartanburg County Convention Center Auditorium

Bronze Elephant Club

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BARRY M. FABER  
Associate Counsel  
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November 25, 1997

**VIA CERTIFIED MAIL**

F. Andrew Turley, Esq.  
Supervisory Attorney  
Central Enforcement Docket  
Federal Election Commission  
Washington, D.C. 20463

RE: MUR 4684

Dear Mr. Turley:

In response to your letter, dated October 27, 1997, to Ms. Annell Kirkland, which was precipitated by the letter you received from Ms. Judy R. Bradley, I am writing to advise you of the following:

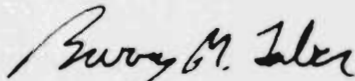
1. WORD-AM remotely broadcast from the Spartansburg County Memorial Auditorium on October 13, 1997, between the hours of 5:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m.
2. WORD-AM did not receive any compensation in consideration for this remote broadcast, and conducted the broadcast because it felt the event being held at the Auditorium was a bona fide news event.
3. The broadcast included not only references to the event being held, but also the regular broadcast programming (e.g., news, weather, traffic, etc.) of WORD-AM.
4. At no time during this remote broadcast did WORD-AM speak on the air with Bob Inglis or with any other candidate for public office.



5. WORD-AM personnel have spent substantial time with Spartanburg Democratic Party chairperson, Judy R. Bradley, in an attempt to respond to her concerns. In particular, they informed Ms. Bradley that they would welcome any invitation to participate in democratic events of news merit in the future.

If you need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at the above direct-dial telephone number.

Sincerely yours,



Barry M. Faber  
Associate Counsel

BMF:lr

cc: Ms. Annell Kirkland

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

December 8, 1997

James F. Johnson  
1101 Asheville Highway  
Spartanburg, SC 29303

RE: MUR 4684

Dear Mr. Johnson:

Thank you for your response to the complaint filed by Judy Bradley.

In your response, which was dated November 5, 1997, but received November 19, 1997, you asked whether there's a rule or precedent that will permit you to file a counter-claim against Ms. Bradley. The Commission rules have made no provision for filing a counter-claim. You may, if you wish, file a formal complaint under 2 U.S.C. 437g. The enclosed brochure will explain the process to undertake such action.

If you have any questions, please contact Alva E. Smith on our toll-free telephone number, (800) 424-9530. Our local telephone number is (202) 219-3400.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "F. Andrew Turley", is written over the typed name.

F. Andrew Turley  
Supervisory Attorney  
Central Enforcement Docket

Enclosure

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BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

In the Matter of

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CASE CLOSURES UNDER  
ENFORCEMENT PRIORITY

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GENERAL COUNSEL'S REPORT

I. INTRODUCTION.

The cases listed below have been identified as either stale or of low priority based upon evaluation under the Enforcement Priority System (EPS). This report is submitted to recommend that the Commission no longer pursue these cases.

II. CASES RECOMMENDED FOR CLOSURE.

A. Cases Not Warranting Further Action Relative to Other Cases Pending Before the Commission

EPS was created to identify pending cases which, due to the length of their pendency in inactive status or the lower priority of the issues raised in the matters relative to others presently pending before the Commission, do not warrant further expenditure of resources. Central Enforcement Docket (CED) evaluates each incoming matter using Commission-approved criteria which results in a numerical rating of each case.

Closing cases permits the

Commission to focus its limited resources on more important cases presently

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pending before it. Based upon this review, we have identified 16 cases that do not warrant further action relative to other pending matters.<sup>1</sup> The attachment to this report contains summaries of each case, the EPS rating, and the factors leading to assignment of a low priority and recommendation not to further pursue the matter.

### B. Stale Cases

Effective enforcement relies upon the timely pursuit of complaints and referrals to ensure compliance with the law. Investigations concerning activity more remote in time usually require a greater commitment of resources, primarily due to the fact that the evidence of such activity becomes more difficult to develop as it ages. Focusing investigative efforts on more recent and more significant activity also has a more positive effect on the electoral process and the regulated community. In recognition of this fact, EPS provides us with the means to identify those cases which remained unassigned for a significant period due to a lack of staff resources for effective investigation. The utility of commencing an investigation declines as these cases age, until they reach a point when activation of a case would not be an efficient use of the Commission's resources.

<sup>1</sup> These cases are: MUR 4631 (Perry/McClure); MUR 4661 (Cox and Amphicon, Inc.); MUR 4667 (Specter & Greenwood); MUR 4668 (Schakowsky for Congress); MUR 4672 (Friends of John O'Toole); MUR 4673 (Papan for Assembly); MUR 4676 (Warren County Democratic Committee); MUR 4677 (Patrick Kennedy); MUR 4681 (Jack Bloch); MUR 4683 (Janice Schakowsky for Congress); MUR 4684 (Spartanburg County Republicans); MUR 4694 (Jan Schakowsky for Congress); MUR 4695 (Schakowsky for Congress); MUR 4696 (Janice Schakowsky for Congress); MUR 4703 (Dumont Institute / Robert McGee); and Pre-MUR 356 (Pritzler for Congress).

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We have identified cases which have remained on the Central Enforcement Docket for a sufficient period of time to render them stale. We recommend 27 of these cases be closed.<sup>3</sup> Nine of these cases were part of the so-called "Major 96" cases that have not been able to be activated due to a lack of resources to effectively pursue them in a timely fashion.<sup>4</sup> Since the time period rendering them stale has now passed, we recommend their closure at this time.

We recommend that the Commission exercise its prosecutorial discretion and direct closure of the cases listed below, effective February 24, 1998. Closing

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<sup>3</sup> These cases are: MUR 4350 (Republican Party of Minnesota); MUR 4355 (Aqua-Leisure Industries, Inc.); MUR 4372 (Nebraska Democratic Party); MUR 4394 (Americans for Term Limits); MUR 4472 (Committee to Elect Winston); MUR 4483 (Nebraska Democratic State Central Committee); MUR 4504 (NH Democratic State Party Committee); MUR 4507 (People for Boschartz); MUR 4509 (Villstone for Senate); MUR 4565 (Bell for Congress); MUR 4570 (Congresswoman Andrea Seastrand); MUR 4571 (Sybert for Congress Committee); MUR 4572 (Friends of Dick B. Durkin); MUR 4575 (Dana Corrington); MUR 4585 (Hughes for Congress Committee); MUR 4589 (Congressman Bart Gordon); MUR 4592 (Iowa Public Television); MUR 4593 (Public Interest Institute); MUR 4599 (Brut IV Haymonics); MUR 4601 (Christian Nation of Oklahoma); MUR 4602 (WFSB-TV Channel 3); MUR 4604 (Dana Corrington); MUR 4605 (Christian Coalition); Pre-MUR 346 (Coalition of Politically Active Christians); RAD 96NF-09 (O'Sullivan for Congress); RAD 96L-12 (Alaska Democratic Party); and RAD 97NF-02 (Zorn for Congress).

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these cases as of this date will permit CED and the Legal Review Team the necessary time to prepare closing letters and case files for the public record.

### III. RECOMMENDATIONS.

A. Decline to open a MUR, close the file effective February 24, 1998, and approve the appropriate letters in the following matters:

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| 1. RAD 96NF-09 | 3. RAD 97NF-02 | 5. Pre-MUR 356 |
| 2. RAD 96L-12  | 4. Pre-MUR 346 |                |

B. Take no action, close the file effective March 2, 1998, and approve the appropriate letters in the following matters:

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| 1. MUR 4350  | 14. MUR 4575 | 27. MUR 4668 |
| 2. MUR 4355  | 15. MUR 4585 | 28. MUR 4672 |
| 3. MUR 4372  | 16. MUR 4589 | 29. MUR 4673 |
| 4. MUR 4394  | 17. MUR 4592 | 30. MUR 4676 |
| 5. MUR 4472  | 18. MUR 4593 | 31. MUR 4677 |
| 6. MUR 4483  | 19. MUR 4599 | 32. MUR 4681 |
| 7. MUR 4504  | 20. MUR 4601 | 33. MUR 4683 |
| 8. MUR 4507  | 21. MUR 4602 | 34. MUR 4684 |
| 9. MUR 4509  | 22. MUR 4604 | 35. MUR 4694 |
| 10. MUR 4565 | 23. MUR 4605 | 36. MUR 4695 |
| 11. MUR 4570 | 24. MUR 4631 | 37. MUR 4696 |
| 12. MUR 4571 | 25. MUR 4661 | 38. MUR 4703 |
| 13. MUR 4572 | 26. MUR 4667 |              |

2/24/98  
Date

Lawrence M. Noble  
General Counsel

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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: FEBRUARY 19, 1998

SUBJECT: Case Closures Under Enforcement Priority. General  
Counsel's Report dated February 11, 1998.

The above-captioned document was circulated to the Commission  
on Thursday, February 12, 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, February 24, 1998

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

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In the Matter of )  
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Case Closures Under ) Agenda Document  
Enforcement Priority ) No. X98-13

## CERTIFICATION

I, Marjorie W. Emmons, recording secretary for the Federal Election Commission executive session on February 24, 1998, do hereby certify that the Commission took the following actions with respect to Agenda Document No. X98-13:

1. Failed in a vote of 3-2 to pass a motion to approve the General Counsel's recommendations, subject to amendment of the closing date in recommendation A to read March 2, 1998, and subject to deletion of those cases listed in footnote 4 on Page 3 of the staff report.

Commissioners McDonald, McGarry, and Thomas  
voted affirmatively for the motion.  
Commissioners Aikens and Elliott dissented.

2. Decided by a vote of 5-0 to
- A. Decline to open a MUR, close the file effective March 2, 1998, and approve the appropriate letters in the following matters:
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| 1. RAD 96NF-09 | 4. Pre-MUR 346 |
| 2. RAD 96L-12  | 5. Pre-MUR 356 |
| 3. RAD 97NF-02 |                |

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- B. Take no action, close the file effective March 2, 1998, and approve the appropriate letters in the following matters:

1. MUR 4350	20. MUR 4601
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18. MUR 4593	37. MUR 4696
19. MUR 4599	38. MUR 4703

Commissioners Aikens, Elliott, McDonald, McGarry, and Thomas voted affirmatively for the decision.

Attest:

2-25-98  
Date

Marjorie W. Emmons  
Marjorie W. Emmons  
Secretary of the Commission

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

March 2, 1998

CERTIFIED MAIL  
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Ms. Judy R. Bradley, Chair  
Spartanburg Democratic Party  
P.O. Box 2682  
Spartanburg, S.C. 29304

RE: MUR 4684

Dear Ms. Bradley:

On October 20, 1997, the Federal Election Commission received your complaint alleging certain violations of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended ("the Act").

After considering the circumstances of this matter, the Commission has determined to exercise its prosecutorial discretion and to take no action against the respondents. See attached narrative. Accordingly, the Commission closed its file in this matter on March 2, 1998. This matter will become part of the public record within 30 days.

The Act allows a complainant to seek judicial review of the Commission's dismissal of this action. See 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(8).

Sincerely,

F. Andrew Turley  
Supervisory Attorney  
Central Enforcement Docket

Attachment  
Narrative

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In response to the complaint, the former chairman of the Spartanburg County Republican Party, James Johnson, states that Congressman John Kasich was the focus of the event, and all funds raised were intended and will be used for county party expenses and not for the campaigns of any federal candidates.

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This matter is less significant relative to other matters pending before the Commission.

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

March 2, 1998

Mr. William L. Curlis, Treasurer  
Citizens for Kasich  
865 Macon Alley  
Columbus, OH 43206

RE: MUR 4684

Dear Mr. Curlis:

On October 27, 1997, the Federal Election Commission notified you of a complaint alleging certain violations of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended. A copy of the complaint was enclosed with that notification.

After considering the circumstances of this matter, the Commission has determined to exercise its prosecutorial discretion and to take no action against Citizens for Kasich and you, as treasurer. See attached narrative. Accordingly, the Commission closed its file in this matter on March 2, 1998.

The confidentiality provisions of 2 U.S.C. § 437(g)(12) no longer apply and this matter is now public. In addition, although the complete file must be placed on the public record within 30 days, this could occur at any time following certification of the Commission's vote. If you wish to submit any factual or legal materials to appear on the public record, please do so as soon as possible. While the file may be placed on the public record prior to receipt of your additional materials, any permissible submissions will be added to the public record when received.

If you have any questions, please contact Alva E. Smith on our toll-free telephone number, (800) 424-9530. Our local telephone number is (202) 694-1650.

Sincerely,

F. Andrew Turley  
Supervisory Attorney  
Central Enforcement Docket

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Narrative

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MUR 4684

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

March 2, 1998

The Honorable Robert D. Inglis  
United States House of Representatives  
320 Cannon House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515-4004

RE: MUR 4684

Dear Mr. Inglis:

On October 27, 1997, the Federal Election Commission notified you of a complaint alleging certain violations of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended. A copy of the complaint was enclosed with that notification.

After considering the circumstances of this matter, the Commission has determined to exercise its prosecutorial discretion and to take no action against you. See attached narrative. Accordingly, the Commission closed its file in this matter on March 2, 1998.

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Sincerely,

F. Andrew Turley  
Supervisory Attorney  
Central Enforcement Docket

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

March 2, 1998

Mr. Jeffrey J. Parker, Treasurer  
Inglis for Senate Committee  
P.O. Box 361  
Greenville, S.C. 29602

RE: MUR 4684

Dear Mr. Parker:

On October 17, 1997, the Federal Election Commission notified you of a complaint alleging certain violations of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended. A copy of the complaint was enclosed with that notification.

After considering the circumstances of this matter, the Commission has determined to exercise its prosecutorial discretion and to take no action against Inglis for Senate Committee and you, as treasurer. See attached narrative. Accordingly, the Commission closed its file in this matter on March 2, 1998.

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Sincerely,

F. Andrew Turley  
Supervisory Attorney  
Central Enforcement Docket

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SPARTANBURG COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY

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This matter is less significant relative to other matters pending before the Commission.

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

March 2, 1998

Mr. Jim Johnson  
Spartanburg County Republican Party  
1101 Asheville Highway  
Spartanburg, S.C. 29303

RE: MUR 4684

Dear Mr. Johnson:

On October 27, 1997, the Federal Election Commission notified you of a complaint alleging certain violations of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended. A copy of the complaint was enclosed with that notification.

After considering the circumstances of this matter, the Commission has determined to exercise its prosecutorial discretion and to take no action against Spartanburg County Republican Party and you. See attached narrative. Accordingly, the Commission closed its file in this matter on March 2, 1998.

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Sincerely,

F. Andrew Turley  
Supervisory Attorney  
Central Enforcement Docket

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MUR 4684

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20543

March 2, 1998

Mr. Barry M. Faber, Associate Counsel  
Sinclair Communications, Inc.  
2000 West 41st Street  
Baltimore, MD 21211

RE: MUR 4684  
Anell Kirkland

Dear Mr. Faber:

On October 17, 1997, the Federal Election Commission notified Anell Kirkland, the General Manager of WORD-AM, of a complaint alleging certain violations of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended. A copy of the complaint was enclosed with that notification.

After considering the circumstances of this matter, the Commission has determined to exercise its prosecutorial discretion and to take no action against Anell Kirkland. See attached narrative. Accordingly, the Commission closed its file in this matter on March 2, 1998.

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