



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20463

January 28, 2000

CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Paul Berendt, Chair
Washington State Democratic Central Committee
506 Second Avenue, #1702
Seattle, Washington 98104

RE: MURs 4693, 4737 and 4868
Washington State Republican Party--
Federal Account and Al Symington,
as treasurer
Washington State Republican Party

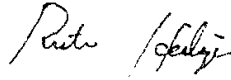
Dear Mr. Berendt:

This is in reference to the complaints you filed with the Federal Election Commission on November 6, 1997 and April 3, 1998 concerning improper nonfederal transfers into the account of the Washington State Republican Party—Federal Account.

After conducting an investigation into this matter, the Commission found that there was probable cause to believe that the Washington State Republican Party—Federal Account violated 2 U.S.C. §§ 441a(f) and 441b(a) and 11 C.F.R. §§ 102.5(a)(1)(i) and 106.5(g)(1)(i), provisions of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended, and the Commission's regulations. On January 18, 2000, a conciliation agreement signed by the Washington State Republican Party—Federal Account was accepted by the Commission. Accordingly, the Commission closed the files in these matters on January 18, 2000. A copy of this agreement is enclosed for your information.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (202) 694-1650.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Ruth Heilizer".

Ruth Heilizer
Attorney

Enclosure
Conciliation Agreement