



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

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CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Matthew L. Meyers, President
William D. Novelli, Former President
Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids
1707 L Street, NW, Suite 800
Washington, DC 20036

RE: MUR 4766
Brown & Williamson Tobacco Corporation
Lorillard Tobacco Company
Philip Morris Incorporated
R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Company
United States Tobacco Company
U.S. Senator Mitch McConnell
National Republican Senatorial Committee
and J. Stanley Huckaby, as treasurer

Dear Mr. Meyers and Mr. Novelli:


On February 10, 2000, the Federal Election Commission ("the Commission") reviewed the allegations in your complaint received on June 29, 1998, and found that, on the basis of the information provided in your complaint and information provided by the respondents, that there is no reason to believe Brown & Williamson Tobacco Corporation, Lorillard Tobacco Company, Philip Morris Incorporated, R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Company or United States Tobacco Company violated 2 U.S.C. § 441b. On the same date the Commission also found that there is no reason to believe that U.S. Senator Mitch McConnell, the National Republican Senatorial Committee and J. Stanley Huckaby, as treasurer, violated any provision of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended, ("the Act"), in this matter. Accordingly, the Commission on February 10, 2000, closed the file in this matter. A copy of the First General Counsel's Report is enclosed for your information.

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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,

Lawrence M. Noble
General Counsel


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Associate General Counsel

Enclosure
First General Counsel's Report