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BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

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In the Matter of)
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Sixth Congressional District Republican Party)
Randolph County Republican Executive Committee) MUR 4797
Buncombe County Republican Party, et al) MUR 4798
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GENERAL COUNSEL'S REPORT

I. BACKGROUND

On August 18, 1998, the Federal Election Commission found that there is reason to believe that the Sixth Congressional District Republican Party, the Randolph County Republican Executive Committee and the Buncombe County Republican Party and their treasurers violated various provisions of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended ("the Act") and Commission regulations. The central issue in these matters involves the transfer of funds totaling \$46,350, from the Randolph County Committee, an unregistered organization, to the federal accounts of the Sixth Congressional District and Buncombe County Republican committees. To investigate the transactions at issue, this Office issued discovery: written questions and document requests. In preliminary written responses to the Commission's findings, dated September 8 and October 1, 1998, the respondents requested preprobable cause conciliation. On October 2 and 13, 1998, the respondents submitted answers to the written questions and responsive documents. At this time, this Office is awaiting additional documents central to the issues raised in this matter that one of the respondents is attempting to obtain from its vendor. After this Office reviews all of the discovery, it will present the Commission with a


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report analyzing the responses and making the appropriate recommendations regarding preprobable cause conciliation and other issues.

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