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**BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION**

In the Matter of )

Sixth Congressional District Republican Party )

Randolph County Republican Executive Committee )

Buncombe County Republican Party and their treasurers )

MUR 4797 & MUR 4798

**SENSITIVE**

**GENERAL COUNSEL'S REPORT**

**I. BACKGROUND**

On February 23, 1999, the Federal Election Commission agreed to enter into pre-probable cause conciliation with the Randolph County Republican Executive Committee ("Randolph Committee"), the Sixth Congressional District Republican Party (or "6<sup>th</sup> District") and the Buncombe County Republican Party ("Buncombe Committee") and their respective treasurers.

Counsel for the Buncombe Committee has requested an extension of until April 20, 1999, to reach an agreement. Thus, at the conclusion of the negotiations with the Buncombe Committee, this Office will present the Commission with a separate General Counsel's Report concerning that committee.

**II. DISCUSSION OF PRE-PROBABLE CAUSE CONCILIATION**

Accordingly, this Office recommends that the attached signed agreements be accepted. In MUR 4798, this Office recommends that the file be closed as it pertains to the Randolph Committee. This Office is engaged in continued negotiations with the remaining respondents in MUR 4798, Buncombe County. *See supra* page 1. As MUR 4797 involves only the 6<sup>th</sup> District, this Office also recommends that the file in that matter be closed.

### **III. RECOMMENDATIONS**

#### **MUR 4798**

1. Accept the attached agreement with the Randolph County Republican Executive Committee and Laverne A. Williams, as treasurer, and close the file in MUR 4798 as it pertains to them.

2. Approve the appropriate letter.


#### **MUR 4797**

1. Accept the attached agreement with the Sixth Congressional District Republican Party, and Collette Hoover, as treasurer.

2. Close the file in MUR 4797.
3. Approve the appropriate letter.

Lawrence M. Noble  
General Counsel

4/21/99  
Date

BY:   
Lois G. Lerner  
Associate General Counsel

Attachments

1. Signed agreement with the 6<sup>th</sup> District
2. Signed agreement with Randolph Committee
3. Letter from counsel, March 24, 1999

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