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**BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION**

In the Matter of

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MUR 4798

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Buncombe County Republican Party  
and its treasurer

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**GENERAL COUNSEL'S REPORT**

**SENSITIVE**

**I. BACKGROUND**

On February 23, 1999, the Federal Election Commission agreed to enter into pre-probable cause conciliation with the Buncombe County Republican Party and its treasurer ("Buncombe Committee" or "Committee"). On April 28, 1999, the Commission accepted conciliation agreements with the other respondents in this matter, the Randolph County Executive Committee and its treasurer ("Randolph Committee"), and closed the file as it pertains to them.<sup>1</sup> Attached for the Commission's review is a conciliation agreement with the Buncombe Committee which this Office recommends that the Commission accept. Attachment 1. Accordingly, this Office also recommends that the file in this matter be closed.

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

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<sup>1</sup> Also on April 28, 1999, the Commission accepted a conciliation agreement in a related matter, MUR 4797, with the Sixth District Republican Party and its treasurer. The Commission then closed the file in that matter.


Accordingly, this Office  
recommends that the attached signed agreement be accepted and that the file be closed.

**III. RECOMMENDATIONS**

1. Accept the attached agreement with the Buncombe County Republican Party and its treasurer.
2. Close the file.
3. Approve the appropriate letter.

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5/4/99  
Date

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Attachment  
Signed agreement

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