



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

Robert B. Serino, Deputy Chief Counsel
Comptroller of the Currency
Administrator of National Banks
Washington, D.C. 20219

October 6, 1997

RE: Pre-MUR 354

Dear Mr. Serino:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated September 8, 1997, advising us of the possibility of a violation of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended ("the Act") by Hamilton Bank, N.A. We will review the matter and advise you of the Commission's determination. Our file number for this matter is Pre-MUR 354.

Pursuant to 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(4)(B) and § 437g(a)(12)(A), the Commission's review of this matter shall remain confidential until the file has been closed.

If you have any questions or additional information, please call Alva E. Smith on our toll-free telephone number, (800) 424-9530. Our local telephone number is (202) 219-3400.

Sincerely,

Lawrence M. Noble
General Counsel

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lois G. Lerner".

BY: Lois G. Lerner
Associate General Counsel