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To: Federal Election Commission  
Attention: Mr Lawrence Noble  
Office of General Counsel  
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Washington, DC 20463

From: Sarkis Joseph (Joe) Khoury, Ph.D.

Date: August ~~25~~, 1998

RE: Charges against Ken Calvert and Cook Barela

Dear Sir;

I, the undersigned, Sarkis Joseph Khoury, of Riverside, California, formerly a candidate for the United States Congress in the 43rd. Congressional District in the state of California, hereby file a complaint with your office and request an immediate investigation of the Ken Calvert campaign and that of Cook Barela. Both gentlemen were candidates for the same office in the same election. I believe that there is sufficient evidence to establish a case that both may have violated FEC rules and campaign finance laws.

All the information I submit herewith is correct to the best of my knowledge. Based on this information and on numerous conversations with many individuals, I hereby affirm the following:

1-The candidacy of Mr. Barela appears to have operated as the equivalent of an independent expenditure for the Calvert candidacy. I believe that an investigation of the facts will show that the campaign was not "independent" according to the technical definition of the FEC. Therefore, I contend that a clear violation of the rules and the laws has occurred. Mr. Barela issued literature attacking me and only me. No mention was ever made of Mr. Calvert although Mr. Calvert was and is the incumbent.

Mr. Barela sent out in the last days of the campaign a "newspaper" style mailer extolling his accomplishments and attacking me based on falsehoods, race, race baiting, and national origin. Not one word against the incumbent was mentioned. The claim made in the newspaper regarding my PAC money was a lie and was almost verbatim the same exact claim made by Mr. Calvert whose mailer was sent out about the same time containing the same theme and language.

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This is too much of a coincidence to constitute a random event. It is even more problematic when one considers the ethnicity of Mr. Barela who was desperately, or so he wanted us to believe, seeking Latino votes where the majority of the community is foreign born.

An examination of Exhibit I would confirm the similarity of the tone and the language used by both campaigns with regard to PAC contributions to my campaign. Your records show that my campaign accepted no PAC money in the 1998 election cycle. In fact, I had published a book in 1997 condemning PAC's.

Mr Barela did not show lack of enthusiasm for Mr. Calvert after the latter was caught with a prostitute in Corona. Exhibit II clearly shows that he was tolerant of Mr. Clavert's behavior and most supportive of his tenure in Congress since 1994. There is no evidence that he has had a change in heart.

There was also evidence of some coordination on the tactical level. For example, a voter inquiring about a debate scheduled for all the Republican candidates was told when he called to inquire about whether Congressman Calvert would be attending the debate that "The Congressman will not be present, but Cook Barela would". During the debate Mr. Barela questioned my loyalty to the United States as I am foreign born. Not a single word was uttered about Mr. Calvert leaving those in attendance with the clear impression that he was running only against me.

2-The financing of Mr. Barela shown in Exhibit III is another source of concern. The contribution of \$2,000 from an attorney in Bel Air, Mr. McNulty, which constitutes 2/7th of the funds raised by Mr. Barela and the timing of the contribution are reasons to be suspect. They warrant an investigation.

The whole campaign strategy deployed by Mr. Calvert was based on fear, lies and race. Many of the political types participated in the process. Mr. Barela was a willing, conscious, and illegal participant, I believe. The details of the strategy would indicate that the independence of actions in both camps is extremely unlikely. The details are contained in Exhibit IV.

I would appreciate your immediate attention to this matter, and I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Joe Khoury

Barbara Ann Martinez  
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