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October 24, 1998

F. Andrew Turley, Esq.  
Supervisory Attorney  
Federal Election Commission  
Washington, DC 20463

Re: MUR 4821

Dear Mr. Turley:

Today I received your October 21, 1998 letter regarding possible violations of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended (the "Act"). I am responding with facts which demonstrate why no action should be taken against me in this matter.

According to the complaint, Congressman Rick Lazio allegedly received campaign contributions from individuals in excess of the \$1,000 limit permitted under the Act in each of three election cycles beginning in 1993-1994. A review of the Individual Contributor Data included with the complaint shows that no one named "Thomas Gosnell" contributed to Congressman Lazio during either the 1997-1998 election cycle or the 1993-1994 election cycle.

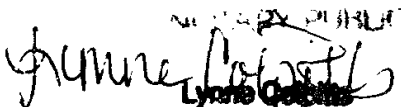
During the 1995-1996 election cycle, however, my father and I each contributed \$1,000. My father's name is Thomas Hale Gosnell. He is seventy-eight years old, retired, with a current principal place of residence in Rochester, New York. My full name is Thomas Craig Gosnell. I am Thirty-Nine years old, work with an investment group and maintain a primary residence in Weston, Massachusetts. In order to avoid confusion, I always use my middle initial when writing checks, as I did in this case. Unfortunately, my father never uses his middle initial. I can certainly understand how someone reviewing data of this nature might inadvertently misinterpret the two names as identical despite the differences in addresses and occupations listed on the report.

I hope these facts are sufficient to end your inquiry with respect to the two Thomas Gosnell contributions that appear in your computer printout. For good measure, I will sign this letter in front of a notary before returning it to you.

Very truly yours,

  
Thomas C. Gosnell

BEFORE ME THIS 2nd DAY  
of November 1998

  
Lynne G. Quinn

NOTARY PUBLIC

My commission exp. Aug. 10, 2001