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Re: MUR 4843

Dear Mr. Turley: I have no doubt that Congressman Hinchey will be the subject matter of a complaint every two years at election time with regard to the above matter. Two years ago, the Congressman's then opponent registered a complaint involving the same subject matter and, not by just chance, this year, the Republican Party Chair of Orange County, New York, a portion of the Congressman's district, has registered another such complaint.

The Commission decided not to take further action with regard to the complaint two years ago and, I respectfully urge the Commission to do the same with regard to this year's complaint.

I do so for the following reason. The Hinchey Campaign returned to the U.S. Treasury \$27,000, the full amount which was illegally contributed. The \$43,000 which the complaint refers to was not the sum which was given to the Hinchey Campaign. That sum was given to Besicorp, the company Mr. Zinn operated. The Hinchey Campaign is not, of course, responsible for illegal funds given to Besicorp. The Campaign was responsible for returning only the funds, \$27,000, which flowed into its treasury from wrongful sources.

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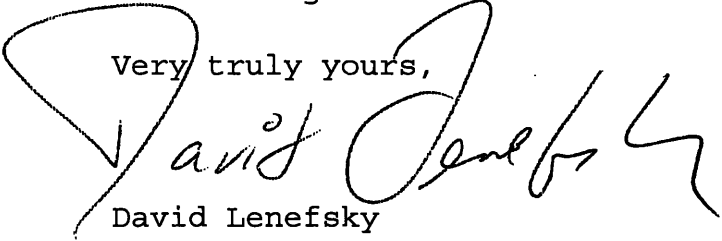
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If I can be of any help or answer any questions, please
contact me at the above.

Please find enclosed a Statement of Designation of Counsel.

Very truly yours,


David Lenefsky

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STATEMENT OF DESIGNATION OF COUNSEL

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The above-named individual is hereby designated as my counsel
and is authorized to receive any notifications and other communications
from the Commission and to act on my behalf before the Commission.

11/9/98
Date

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