



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

March 12, 2001

**VIA CERTIFIED MAIL**

John S. Hicks, Chairman  
Orange County Republican Committee  
14 Railroad Avenue  
Chester, NY 10918

Re: MUR 4843

Dear Mr. Hicks:

This is in reference to the complaint you filed with the Federal Election Commission on October 28, 1998 concerning Rep. Maurice D. Hinchey and the Friends of Hinchey Committee. The Commission found that there was reason to believe the Friends of Hinchey Committee and Frank Koenig, as treasurer, violated 2 U.S.C. §§ 441b and 441f and 11 C.F.R. § 103.3b, provisions of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended, and conducted an investigation in this matter. On January 3, 2001, a conciliation agreement signed by the respondents was accepted by the Commission. Accordingly, the Commission closed the file in this matter on January 3, 2001. A copy of the Conciliation Agreement is enclosed for your records.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (202) 694-1650.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "April J. Sands". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

April J. Sands  
Attorney

Enclosure  
Conciliation Agreement

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