



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20463

February 18, 1999

Mr. John T. Isaacson
646 West Galena
Butte, MT 59701

re: MUR 4864

Dear Mr. Isaacson:

Thank you for your letter dated February 2, 1999, which we received on February 16, 1999.

You intimated in your letter that you expected to receive a reply from the respondents on this matter. Please be advised that any responses submitted by a respondent to the Federal Election Commission will not be sent to you. Once a complaint is filed, Matters Under Review remain confidential until the file is closed. Section 437g(a)(4)(B) of the Act prohibits any person from making public the fact of any notification or investigation by the Commission, prior to closing the file, unless the party being investigated has agreed in writing that the matter be made public. Since the file is *not closed as of this date* and there has been no written agreement by one or more respondents that the matter be made public, we are not in a position to release any information on this matter at this time.

As stated in my letter to you, dated December 2, 1998, we will notify you as soon as the Commission takes final action on your complaint.

Thank you for allowing this opportunity to respond to your inquiry and further explain our statutory confidentiality provisions.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "F. Andrew Turley", is positioned above the printed name.

F. Andrew Turley
Supervisory Attorney
Central Enforcement Docket