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RE: MUR 4864

Dear Sir:

This firm represents both MSE, Inc. ("MSE") and Don Peoples, CEO of MSE, in the above-referenced matter. This letter is to bring to your attention continuing actions by the complainant that may be in violation of the Commission's confidentiality rules, and that may be otherwise inconsistent with federal election law and Commission practice. We informed you in a letter dated February 19, 1999, of similar actions by the complainant and at that time requested that the Commission inform the complainant of his obligations and restrictions under the Commission's confidentiality rules.

In this instance, on March 1, 1999, the complainant, John Isaacson, sent a second electronic mail message ("email") to an unspecified number of people concerning this matter. A copy of the email message is attached.<sup>1/</sup> Mr. Isaacson's second email also appears to violate the Commission's rules on confidentiality. He refers therein to the complaint at the Federal Election Commission and states his intent to send another email regarding this matter "soon."

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<sup>1/</sup> Again, neither Mr. Peoples nor MSE were recipients of Mr. Isaacson's email message.

This letter is neither a complaint nor a request to the Commission that it initiate a complaint. Rather, its purpose is to make the Commission aware of the complainant's actions. As we stated in our prior letter, Mr. Isaacson's continuing dissemination of unsubstantiated allegations via email and his violation of the Commission's confidentiality rules are cause for concern to a large employer in a small town such as Butte.

MSE renews its request that the Commission inform Mr. Isaacson of his obligations and restrictions under the Commission's confidentiality rules and respectfully urges the Commission to bring this matter to an expeditious conclusion.

Sincerely,



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Counsel for MSE, Inc. and  
Don Peoples

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Investigation. Those items which are essentially civil violations of the law are accumulated and studied for application to civil litigation which inevitably grows from these fact patterns. People who have been damaged over the years want compensation for that injury, and some participate just to put an end to inappropriate or unlawful conduct by community leaders.

This "flattening out" or spreading of the types of issues involved is a usual pattern.

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The three civil investigations surrounding these matters will be the subject of another e-mail soon.

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If you wish to be removed from this list, or have a name of someone interested in being on the list, please contact me at [john1@in-tch.com](mailto:john1@in-tch.com). Thank you.

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(In a prior message I stated that the Federal Election Commission complaint in this matter had not been answered by those subject to the complaint. I received an e-mail from one of the people related to that general situation who said he understood the answer had in fact been filed. I have no reason to doubt that is true, but it is not verified because the Federal Election Commission operates in secret and only issues a decision or a dismissal at the end of its process.)

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