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MEMORANDUM TO THE COMMISSION SECRETARY

FROM: COMMISSIONER DAVID MASON

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be "DM", is written over the name "COMMISSIONER DAVID MASON".

DATE: NOVEMBER 3, 1999

RE: EX PARTE CONTACT, MUR 4865

Following my speech to the Leadership Institute on November 3, 1999 Neal Knox, a long-time acquaintance who is a former employee and former board member of the National Rifle Association, approached me regarding MUR 4865. He is neither complainant nor respondent but was aware that a complaint had been filed against the NRA. Although I cautioned him about our ex parte rules, Mr. Knox continued in his determination to inform me that he had nothing to do with the complaint. Knox explained he had worked with the complainant while both were NRA board members, and thus some current board members suspected Knox of having something to do with the complaint, but he does not.