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BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

In the Matter of )  
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Halter Marine Group, Inc. PAC and ) MUR 4904  
its treasurer )

**SENSITIVE**

GENERAL COUNSEL'S REPORT

I. BACKGROUND

On June 22, 1999, the Commission found reason to believe that Halter Marine Group, Inc. PAC ("the Committee") and its treasurer ("collectively, Respondents")<sup>1</sup> violated 2 U.S.C. § 434(a)(4)(A)(i) for failing to timely file their 1998 October Quarterly Report. On the same day, the Commission approved a conciliation agreement

Attached for the Commission's review is a conciliation agreement which has been signed by Harvey Walpert, the Committee's new treasurer.<sup>2</sup> Attachment 1. This Office recommends that the Commission approve the attached agreement and close the file in this matter.

II. DISCUSSION

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<sup>1</sup> The Commission found reason to believe that the Committee "and its treasurer" violated the Act because the former treasurer, James Ogden, informed the Commission via a letter received on June 4, 1999, that he had retired from Halter Marine Group, Inc. Although Ogden's letter referenced a new "contact person" it was unclear whether this individual would serve as the Committee's new treasurer.

<sup>2</sup> Mr. Walpert was designated as the Committee's new treasurer on July 12, 1999.

Therefore, this Office recommends that the Commission accept the attached agreement and close the file in this matter.

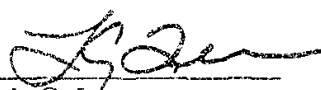
**III. RECOMMENDATIONS**

1. Accept the attached conciliation agreement with Halter Marine Group, Inc. PAC and its treasurer.
2. Approve the appropriate letter.
3. Close the file.

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Date 7/28/99

BY:

  
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**Attachments**

1. Conciliation Agreement
2. Response dated July 13, 1999, including civil penalty check

Staff Assigned: Dawn Odrowski and Karen White