



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

December 5, 2000

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RE: MUR 4956  
New England Cable News

Dear Mr. Newman:

On January 10, 2000, the Federal Election Commission notified your client, New England Cable News, of a complaint alleging violations of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended.

On November 28, 2000, the Commission found, on the basis of the information in the complaint and information provided on behalf of your client, that there is no reason to believe New England Cable News violated 2 U.S.C. § 441b. Accordingly, the Commission closed its file in this matter. A copy of the First General Counsel's Report is enclosed for your information. Statements of Reasons will be filed by two Commissioners at a later date.

The confidentiality provisions at 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(12) no longer apply and this matter is now public. In addition, although the complete file must be placed on the public record within 30 days, this could occur at any time following certification of the Commission's vote. If you wish to submit any factual or legal materials to appear on the public record, please do so as soon as possible. While the file may be placed on the public record before receiving your additional materials, any permissible submissions will be added to the public record upon receipt.

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If you have any questions, please contact Anne A. Weissenborn, the senior attorney assigned to this matter, at (202) 694-1650.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure  
First General Counsel's Report

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