



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

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RE: MURs 4956, 4962 and 4963
Gore 2000, Inc.
Jose Villarreal, as treasurer

Dear Ms. Utrecht and Mr. Kleinfeld:

On January 10, 2000 and January 27, 2000, the Federal Election Commission notified your clients, Gore 2000, Inc., and Jose Villarreal, as treasurer, of three complaints 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 clients, that in each of the above matters there is no reason to believe that Gore 2000, Inc., and Jose Villarreal, as treasurer, violated 2 U.S.C. § 441b. Accordingly, the Commission closed its files in these matters. A copy of the First General Counsel's Report which addressed all three matters 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 these matters are now public. In addition, although the complete files must be placed on the public record within 30 days, this could occur at any time following certification of the Commission's votes. 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 files 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 these matters, at (202) 694-1650.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure
First General Counsel's Report

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