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BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

In the Matter of)
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Brotherhood of Railroad Signalmen) MUR 5002
Political Action Committee and)
Walt A. Barrows, as treasurer)

SENSITIVE

GENERAL COUNSEL'S REPORT #2

I. ACTIONS RECOMMENDED

Approve the attached, signed counterproposed conciliation agreement and close the file.

II. BACKGROUND

On April 21, 2000, the Commission found reason to believe that Brotherhood of Railroad Signalmen Political Action Committee and Walt A. Barrows, as treasurer ("Respondents"), violated 2 U.S.C. § 434(a)(4)(B) by failing to timely file their 1997 May, 1997 June, 1997 September, 1997 November, 1998 February, and 1998 April Monthly Reports, as well as the 1998 30 Day Post-General and 1998 Year End Reports. The Commission simultaneously determined to offer to enter into pre-probable cause conciliation with the Respondents and approved a conciliation agreement penalty.

A check for \$1,800 was sent under separate cover. See Attachment 2.

III. DISCUSSION

For the reasons set forth above, this Office recommends that the Commission accept the attached signed counterproposed conciliation agreement with Brotherhood of Railroad Signalmen Political Action Committee and Walt A. Barrows, as treasurer, and close the file in this matter.

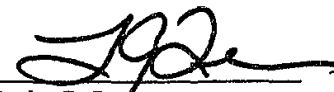
IV. RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Accept the attached signed counterproposed conciliation agreement with Brotherhood of Railroad Signalmen Political Action Committee and Walt A. Barrows, as treasurer.
2. Close the file.
3. Approve the appropriate letter.

Lawrence M. Noble
General Counsel

6/9/00
Date

BY:


Lois G. Lerner
Associate General Counsel

Attachment

1. Counterproposed Conciliation Agreement
2. Copy of civil penalty check

Staff Assigned: Jim Moye