



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION  
Washington, DC 20463

April 28, 2000

Ms. Janet Brown, Registered Agent  
Commission on Presidential Debates  
1200 New Hampshire Ave., NW  
Washington, D.C. 20036

RE: MUR 5004

Dear Ms. Brown:

The Federal Election Commission received a complaint which indicates that the Commission on Presidential Debates may have violated the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended ("the Act"). A copy of the complaint is enclosed. We have numbered this matter MUR 5004. Please refer to this number in all future correspondence.

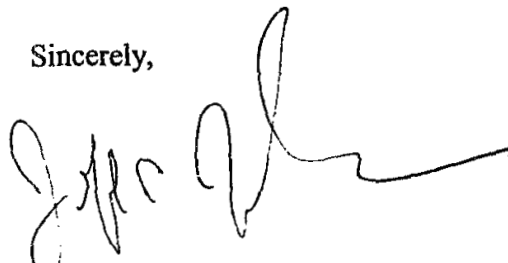
Under the Act you have the opportunity to demonstrate in writing that no action should be taken against the Commission on Presidential Debates in this matter. Please submit any factual or legal materials which you believe are relevant to the Commission's analysis of this matter. Where appropriate, statements should be submitted under oath. Your response, which should be addressed to the General Counsel's Office, must be submitted within 15 days of receipt of this letter. If no response is received within 15 days, the Commission may take further action based on the available information.

The complainant seeks injunctive relief to prevent the Commission on Presidential Debates from continuing to engage in the allegedly improper activity. 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(6) provides that the Commission may seek such relief at the end of the administrative enforcement process. Accordingly, the Commission will not grant the complainants' request for injunctive relief at this time. The Commission will proceed with the processing of the remainder of the complaint pursuant to 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a).

This matter will remain confidential in accordance with 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(4)(B) and § 437g(a)(12)(A), unless you notify the Commission in writing that you wish the matter to be made public. If you intend for the Commission on Presidential Debates to be represented by counsel in this matter, please advise the Commission by completing the enclosed form stating the name, address and telephone number of such counsel, and authorizing such counsel to receive any notifications and other communications from the Commission.

If you have any questions, please contact Alva E. Smith at (202) 694-1650. For your information, we have enclosed a brief description of the Commission's procedures for handling complaints.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeff S. Jordan", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Jeff S. Jordan  
Supervisory Attorney  
Central Enforcement Docket

Enclosures

1. Complaint
2. Procedures
3. Designation of Counsel Statement

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