



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

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RE: MURs 4987, 5004 and 5021

Dear Mr. Loss:

On March 28, 2000, April 28, 2000 and June 2, 2000, the Federal Election Commission notified your clients, the Commission on Presidential Debates, and Paul G. Kirk, Jr. and Frank J. Fahrenkopf, as Co-Chairmen, of three separate complaints (MURs 4987, 5004 and 5021, respectively) alleging violations of certain sections of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended.

On July 19, 2000, the Commission found, on the basis of the information in the complaint filed by the Reform Party, Patrick Buchanan, Buchanan Reform Committee, Pat Choate, and Angela Buchanan, and information provided in your response, that there is no reason to believe that the Commission on Presidential Debates and Paul G. Kirk, Jr. and Frank J. Fahrenkopf, Jr., as Co-Chairmen, violated 2 U.S.C. § 433, 2 U.S.C. § 434, 2 U.S.C. § 441a(f), and 2 U.S.C. § 441b(a), with respect to the allegations in MUR 4987. On the same date, the Commission found, on the basis of the information in the complaint filed by the Natural Law Party, John Hagelin, and John Moore, and information provided in your response, that there is no reason to believe that the Commission on Presidential Debates and Paul G. Kirk, Jr. and Frank J. Fahrenkopf, Jr., as Co-Chairmen, violated 2 U.S.C. § 433, 2 U.S.C. § 434, 2 U.S.C. § 441a(f), and 2 U.S.C. § 441b(a), with respect to the allegations in MUR 5004. Finally, on the same date, the Commission found, on the basis of the information in the complaint filed by Bill Wohlford and Mary Clare Wohlford, and information provided in your response, that there is no reason to believe that the Commission on Presidential Debates and Paul G. Kirk, Jr., and Frank J. Fahrenkopf, Jr., as Co-Chairmen, violated 2 U.S.C. § 433, 2 U.S.C. § 434, 2 U.S.C. § 441a(f), and 2 U.S.C. § 441b(a), with respect to the allegations in MUR 5021. Accordingly, the Commission closed the files in these matters.

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.

If you have any questions, please contact Delbert K. Rigsby, the attorney assigned to these matters, at (202) 694-1650.

Sincerely,

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