



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

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RE: MUR 5006
Friends of Giuliani Exploratory Committee
John H. Gross, as treasurer

Dear Mr. Burchfield:

On May 2, 2000, the Federal Election Commission notified your clients of a complaint alleging violations of certain sections of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended ("the Act").

On November 14, 2000, the Commission found, on the basis of the information in the complaint and information provided by the respondents, that there is no reason to believe your clients violated the Act. Accordingly, the Commission closed its file in this matter on November 14, 2000. A Statement of Reasons explaining the Commission's decision will follow.

The confidentiality provisions at 2 U.S.C. § 437 g(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 Alva E. Smith, the staff member assigned to this matter, at (202) 694-1650.

Sincerely,

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