

BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

In the Matter of)
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)
) Audit Referral #99-19
Benton for Congress and)
Michael Sanders, as treasurer)

MUR 5066

CERTIFICATION

I, Darlene Harris, recording secretary for the Federal Election Commission executive session on August 8, 2000, do hereby certify that the Commission decided by a vote of 5-0 to take the following actions with respect to Audit Referral #99-19:

1. Open a Matter Under Review (MUR).
2. Find reason to believe that Benton for Congress and Michael Sanders, as treasurer, violated 2 U.S.C. § 441a(f) and 11 CFR § 103.3(b)(3), (4), and (5) by knowingly accepting and retaining excessive contributions.
3. Find reason to believe that Benton for Congress and Michael Sanders, as treasurer, violated 2 U.S.C. § 434(a)(6)(A) by failing to file 48-hour notices.
4. Revise footnote #2 of the Factual and Legal Analysis, as recommended in the First General Counsel's Report dated July 27, 2000, to reflect the correct primary election date of September 15, 1998 and general election date of November 3, 1998.

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5. Approve the Conciliation Agreement, as recommended in the First General Counsel's Report dated July 27, 2000

6. Approve the appropriate letter, as recommended in the First General Counsel's Report dated July 27, 2000.

Commissioners Mason, Sandstrom, Smith, Thomas,
and Wold voted affirmatively for the decision.
Commissioner McDonald was not present.

Attest:

August 9, 2000
Date

Darlene Harris
Darlene Harris
Acting Deputy Secretary
of the Commission

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