



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

John J. Duffy
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RE: MURs 5067, 5068 and 5081

Dear Mr. Duffy:

On August 17, 2000 and September 1, 2000, the Federal Election Commission notified your clients, Patrick J. Buchanan, Buchanan Reform, Inc., Angela M. Buchanan, as treasurer and individually, and Gerald M. Moan, of complaints alleging violations of certain sections of the Presidential Election Campaign Fund Act, as amended.

On February 26, 2001, the Commission found, on the basis of the information in the complaint, and information provided by you, that there is no reason to believe your clients violated 26 U.S.C. §§ 9008(c), 9012(c)(2) or 9012(d)(1). Accordingly, the Commission closed its file in this matter. A copy of the General Counsel's Report is enclosed for your information.

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 Duane Pugh, the attorney assigned to this matter at (202) 694-1650.

Sincerely,

Lois G. Lerner
Acting General Counsel

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gregory R. Baker".

BY: Gregory R. Baker
Acting Associate General Counsel

Enclosure
General Counsel's Report