



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

September 13, 2000

James Laski, City Clerk
City of Chicago
City Hall
121 North Lasalle Street, Room 107
Chicago, Illinois 60602

RE: MUR 5080

Dear Mr. Laski:

In the normal course of carrying out its supervisory responsibilities, the Federal Election Commission (the "Commission") considered the issue of whether the City of Chicago violated 2 U.S.C. § 437(1) which is a provision of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended, in connection with telephone expenses paid by the City of Chicago on behalf of the 1996 Democratic National Convention Committee, Inc. On August 22, 2000, the Commission found no reason to believe that the City of Chicago violated 2 U.S.C. § 437(1). Accordingly, the Commission has closed the file in this matter as it pertains to the City of Chicago.

This matter will become part of the public record within 30 days after it has been closed with respect to all other respondents involved. The Commission reminds you that the confidentiality provisions of 2 U.S.C. §§ 437g(a)(4)(B) and 437g(a)(12)(A) remain in effect until the entire matter is closed. The Commission will notify you when the entire file is closed.

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

Sincerely,

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