



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

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Patrick West ✓
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RE: MUR 5117

Dear Mr. West:

On November 15, 2000, the Federal Election Commission reviewed the allegations in your complaint dated October 17, 2000, and the responses thereto. Based on the information provided in your complaint and the information provided by Solomon B. Watson, General Counsel of The New York Times Company, and Catherine Henn, Corporate Counsel and Legal Affairs of The Boston Globe, the Commission determined that there is no reason to believe the aforementioned respondents violated the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended ("the Act"). Accordingly, on November 15, 2000, the Commission closed the file in this matter. A Statement of Reasons providing a basis for the Commission's decision is enclosed.

The Act allows a complainant to seek judicial review of the Commission's dismissal of this action. See 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(8).

Sincerely,

Lois G. Lerner
Acting General Counsel

Abigail A. Shaine

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Enclosure
Certification of Commission Action
Statement of Reason

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