



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

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RE: MUR 5159
Bush-Cheney 2000 Inc. and
David Herndon, as treasurer

Dear Mr. Ginsberg:

On November 29, 2000, the Federal Election Commission notified your clients of a complaint alleging that Bush-Cheney 2000 Inc. and David Herndon, as treasurer, had violated certain sections of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended.

On August 7, 2001, the Commission considered the complaint but took no action against Bush-Cheney 2000 Inc. and David Herndon, as treasurer, and voted to close the file. Accordingly, the Commission closed its file in this matter. A Statement of Reasons providing a basis for the Commission's decision will follow.

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 Michael E. Scurry, the attorney assigned to this matter, at (202) 694-1650.

Sincerely,

Lois G. Lerner
Acting General Counsel

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Abigail A. Shaine".

BY: Abigail A. Shaine
Acting Associate General Counsel