



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

February 14, 2001

CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Carolyn Robertson, Treasurer
Citizens for the Republic
11321 Hunt Farm Lane
Oakton, VA 22124

RE: MUR 5165

Dear Ms. Robertson:

On January 12, 2001, you were notified that the Federal Election Commission determined to enter into negotiations directed toward reaching a conciliation agreement in settlement of this matter prior to a finding of probable cause to believe. On that same date you were sent a conciliation agreement offered by the Commission in settlement of this matter.

On February 6, 2001, I spoke with Mr. John J. Duffy. He informed me that he would be representing Citizens for the Republic ("Committee") and you, as treasurer, and was in the process of forwarding the necessary paperwork to this Office. He also stated that I should receive it no later than the following day (February 7, 2001). To date, I have not received any correspondence from Mr. Duffy. The Commission will not be able to communicate with him further until an executed Designation of Counsel form has been completed and forwarded to this Office. I have enclosed a second form for your convenience.

Please note that conciliation negotiations entered into prior to a finding of probable cause to believe are limited to a maximum of 30 days. To date, you have not responded to the proposed agreement. The 30 day period for negotiations has expired. Unless we receive a response from you or Mr. Duffy within five days, this Office will consider these negotiations terminated and will proceed to the next stage of the enforcement process.

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Enclosure
Designation of Counsel Form