



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Hedy Epstein
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1 East
St. Louis, MO 63112

RE: MUR 5181
Spirit of America PAC and
Garrett Lott, as treasurer
Ashcroft 2000 and Garrett Lott, as
treasurer

Dear Ms. Epstein:

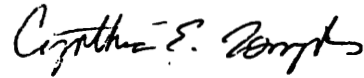
This is in reference to the complaint you filed with the Federal Election Commission on March 8, 2001 concerning alleged excessive contributions made by Spirit of America PAC to Ashcroft 2000, the principal campaign committee for John Ashcroft for the 2000 Senate election. After conducting an investigation in this matter, the Commission found that there was probable cause to believe that the Spirit of America PAC and Garrett Lott, as treasurer, violated 2 U.S.C. §§ 441a(a)(2)(A) and 434(b) and Ashcroft 2000 and Garrett Lott, as treasurer, violated 2 U.S.C. §§ 441a(f) and 434(b), which are provisions of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended. On December 11, 2003, the Commission accepted a conciliation agreement with the respondents, thereby concluding the matter. Accordingly, the Commission closed the file in this matter on December 11, 2003.

Only portions of the file will be placed on the public record within 30 days. A copy of the conciliation agreement is enclosed for your information.

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If you have any questions, please contact me at (202) 694-1650.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Cynthia E. Tompkins". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Cynthia" being the most prominent.

Cynthia E. Tompkins
Assistant General Counsel

Enclosure
Conciliation Agreement

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