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Donald F. McGahn II, General Counsel
National Republican Congressional Committee
320 First Street, S.E.
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February 20, 2004

RE: MUR 5197
National Republican Congressional
Committee and Christopher J. Ward,
as treasurer

Dear Mr. McGahn:

On June 17, 2003, your clients, the National Republican Congressional Committee and Christopher J. Ward, as treasurer ("NRCC"), were notified that the Federal Election Commission found reason to believe that the NRCC violated 2 U.S.C. § 441b(a). On July 28, 2003, the NRCC submitted a response to the Commission's reason to believe finding. After considering the circumstances of the matter, the Commission determined on February 3, 2004, to take no further action against the NRCC, and closed the file in this matter.

Documents related to the case will be placed on the public record within 30 days. See Statement of Policy Regarding Disclosure of Closed Enforcement and Related Files, 68 Fed. Reg. 70,426 (Dec. 18, 2003).

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

Sincerely,

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