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COMMISSION
OFFICE OF GENERAL
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Re: MUR 5197
2000 Republican House-Senate Dinner Committee and
Christopher J. Ward, as Treasurer

Dear Mr. Jordan:

This responds to the April 23, 2001 letter from the Federal Election Commission ("Commission") notifying the 2000 Republican House-Senate Dinner Committee and Chris Ward, as treasurer (collectively "Dinner Committee"), of the complaint filed against it by the National Taxpayers Union ("NTU") in the above referenced Matter Under Review ("MUR"). The complaint was received on April 26, 2001. The Statement of Designation of Counsel form is attached. (See attachment 1.) For the reasons set forth below, there is no basis in law or fact supporting the allegations in the complaint and the MUR should be dismissed as applied to the Dinner Committee.

The Dinner Committee is a joint fundraising committee established pursuant to 11 C.F.R. § 102.17 by the National Republican Congressional Committee ("NROC") and the National Republican Senatorial Committee ("NRSC"). As such, the Dinner Committee established accounts to accept contributions for the NROC and NRSC before transferring all proceeds, minus expenses, to the participating Committees. The Dinner Committee established several non-federal accounts in accordance with 11 C.F.R. § 102.17(c)(3), including a building fund account. See also 2 U.S.C. § 431(8)(B)(viii) & 431(9)(B)(viii); 11 C.F.R. § 114.1(a)(2)(ix).

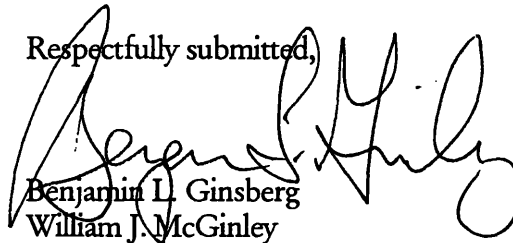
The donation from Fannie Mae was deposited into the Dinner Committee's building fund account. (See attachment 2.) The donation was not deposited into any account used to finance any election activity. The proceeds from the Dinner Committee's building fund account

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were disbursed to the NROC and NRSC's building fund accounts. (See id.) These donations were not used by the Dinner Committee in connection with any election at the federal, state or local level. Accordingly, the Dinner Committee complied with the building fund donation, disbursement and reporting requirements under the Act and Commission regulations.

There is no basis in law or fact to find that the Dinner Committee violated the Act or Commission regulations. Accordingly, the Dinner Committee respectfully requests that the Commission find that the Dinner Committee did not violate the Act or Commission regulations and dismiss the complaint as applied to the Dinner Committee.

Respectfully submitted,



Benjamin L. Ginsberg
William J. McGinley

Attachments

STATEMENT OF DESIGNATION OF COUNSEL

MUR 5197

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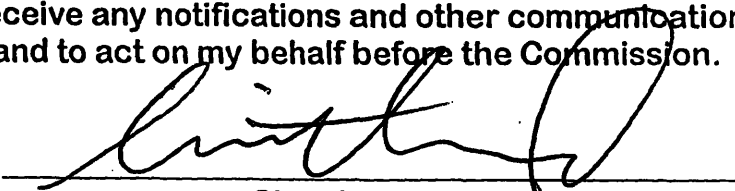
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The above-named individual is hereby designated as my counsel and is authorized to receive any notifications and other communications from the Commission and to act on my behalf before the Commission.

5/1/01

Date


Signature

RESPONDENT'S NAME: The 2000 Republican House-Senate Dinner Committee

ADDRESS: Christopher J. Ward, Treasurer

6302 Massachusetts Avenue

Bethesda, MD 20816

TELEPHONE: HOME (301) 263-9085

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SCHEDULE I
(effective 1/1/91)**AGGREGATION PAGE**
NON-FEDERAL ACCOUNTS OF NATIONAL PARTY
COMMITTEES

(Use a separate Aggregation Page for each nonfederal account)

NAME OF FEDERAL COMMITTEE THE 2000 REPUBLICAN HOUSE-SENATE DINNER COMMITTEE		
NAME OF ACCOUNT THE 2000 REPUBLICAN HOUSE-SENATE DINNER BUILDING FUND	COVERAGE PERIOD FROM 4/1/00	TO 6/30/00
	COLUMN A TOTAL THIS PERIOD	COLUMN B YEAR-TO-DATE
RECEIPTS (ATTACH SUPPORTING MEMO SCHEDULE A ITEMIZING RECEIPTS AGGREGATING IN EXCESS OF \$500 DURING THE CALENDAR YEAR)		
1. TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$145,000.00	\$170,000.00
DISBURSEMENTS: (ATTACH SUPPORTING MEMO SCHEDULE B ITEMIZING DISBURSEMENTS AGGREGATING IN EXCESS OF \$500 DURING THE CALENDAR YEAR)		
2. TRANSFERS TO FEDERAL OR ALLOCATION ACCOUNT FOR ALLOCABLE EXPENSES	\$0.00	\$0.00
3. TRANSFERS TO STATE/LOCAL PARTY ORGANIZATIONS	\$0.00	\$0.00
4. DIRECT STATE/LOCAL CANDIDATE SUPPORT	\$0.00	\$0.00
5. OTHER DISBURSEMENTS	\$140,000.00	\$165,000.00
6. TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS (ADD 2, 3, 4, AND 5)	\$140,000.00	\$165,000.00
SUMMARY		
7. BEGINNING CASH ON HAND (FOR COLUMN B USE CASH AS OF JANUARY 1ST)	\$0.00	\$0.00
8. RECEIPTS (FROM LINE 1)	\$145,000.00	\$170,000.00
9. SUBTOTAL	\$145,000.00	\$170,000.00
10. DISBURSEMENTS (FROM LINE 6)	\$140,000.00	\$165,000.00
11. ENDING CASH ON HAND	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00

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July 14, 2000

*** SENATE HOUSE DINNER ***
FEC Building Fund
Itemized Report for Period:
Year to Date Total Over

04/01/2000 Thru 06/30/2000
\$200.00

Name Address City, State Zip	Employer/ Occupation	Receipt Date	Receipts This Period	Aggregate YTD
Anheuser-Busch Companies, Inc. Suite 200 1776 I. Street N. W. Washington, DC 20006-3700		05/15/2000	20,000.00	\$20,000.00
Compac A.D.F. Restricted Suite 400 800 18th Street N.W. Washington, DC 20008		05/16/2000	20,000.00	\$20,000.00
Fannie Mae Mr. Bill Melini 3800 Wisconsin Avenue N.W. Washington, DC 20018-2889		06/21/2000	100,000.00	\$100,000.00
National Mining Association 1130 Seventeenth Street N.W. Washington, DC 20036-4877		06/06/2000	5,000.00	\$5,000.00

TOTAL ITEMIZED:	\$145000.00
TOTAL NOT-ITEMIZED:	\$0.00

SCHEDULE B

ITEMIZED DISBURSEMENTS

Use separate schedule(s)
for each category of the
Detailed Summary PagePAGE 1 OF 1
FOR LINE NUMBER 5

Any information copied from such Reports and Statements may not be sold or used by any person for the purpose of soliciting contributions or for commercial purposes, other than using the name and address of any political committee to solicit contributions from such committee.

NAME OF COMMITTEE (In Full)

THE 2000 REPUBLICAN HOUSE-SENATE DINNER COMMITTEE (BUILDING FUND)

A. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code National Republican Congressional Committee 320 First Street, SE Washington, DC 20003	Purpose of Disbursement Transfer of Proceeds Disbursement for: <input type="checkbox"/> Primary <input type="checkbox"/> General <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify)	Date (month, day, year) 5/24/00 6/30/00	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period \$20,000.00 \$50,000.00
B. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code National Republican Senatorial Committee 425 Second Street, NE Washington, DC 20002	Purpose of Disbursement Transfer of Proceeds Disbursement for: <input type="checkbox"/> Primary <input type="checkbox"/> General <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify)	Date (month, day, year) 5/24/00 6/30/00	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period \$20,000.00 \$50,000.00
C. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code	Purpose of Disbursement Disbursement for: <input type="checkbox"/> Primary <input type="checkbox"/> General <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify)	Date (month, day, year)	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period
D. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code	Purpose of Disbursement Disbursement for: <input type="checkbox"/> Primary <input type="checkbox"/> General <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify)	Date (month, day, year)	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period
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SUBTOTAL of Disbursements This Page (optional)

\$140,000.00

TOTAL This Period (last page this line number only)

\$140,000.00

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