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MEMORANDUM

AUG 13 2002

TO: The Commission

FROM: Lawrence H. Norton
General Counsel

BY: Gregory R. Baker
Acting Associate General Counsel

SUBJECT: MURs 5017 and 5205
Informational Memorandum-Waiver to Release Investigative File

General Counsel's Report #7 for MURs 5017 and 5205 was circulated to the Commission on Friday, August 9, 2002. In that Report, this Office noted that one of the Respondents in that matter, Southwest Publishers, submitted materials to be placed on the public record. This Office recommended that the submissions be placed on the public record if Southwest Publishers consented to releasing the entire investigative file as it pertains to them. In the Report, we indicated that a waiver form was provided to Southwest Publishers, which it had yet to return. This Office received the attached waiver form on August 12, 2002. Attachment 1.

Staff Assigned: Susan L. Kay

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In the Matter of	)	
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	)	MURs 5017 and 5205
Southwest Publishers	)	
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WAIVER TO RELEASE ENTIRE FILE

Respondent Southwest Publishers consents to release the entire investigative file in MURs 5017 and 5205 as it pertains to Southwest Publishers.

William Jacobs
For the Respondent

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Susan Kay
Federal Election Commission
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RE: MURs 5205 and 5017

Dear Ms Kay:

In regards to our telephone conversation this afternoon concerning the above reference item, we have reviewed our files and found that while we did issue a check to the Ronnie Shows campaign in 1998, that check was not a donation but a refund for an overpayment for advertising space purchased on November 2, 1998.

Attached is a printout of the Shows' campaign advertising account with our newspaper showing the debit for the advertisement titled "Working for Us" as well as the adjustment entry on 11/27/98 to correct the overpayment. You will note that a payment on the account was made on 11/03/98 for the ad that ran on 11/02/98. The refund was made on 12/02/98 on our check number 50426. It is my guess that the Shows' campaign incorrectly posted the refund as a donation.

At this point we have not found evidence of a refund check from the Shows' campaign being received by our office.

As it is against our company policy to donate funds to political campaigns, respectively request that after review of this material by your office, that a correction in the record be made, our name removed from the public record, our name cleared in the matter and a letter clarifying the June 29, 2001 letter from Danny L. McDonald, Esq. request that a copy of the file be sent to us for our own review.

If you have any further questions, please call me at (601) 833-6961.

Sincerely,

William O. Jacobs
President / Publisher

Enc:

- Print out of Shows Campaign Advertising Account
- Check Register

Southwest Publishers, Inc.
Computer & Manual Check Register
History File, 12/01/98 to 01/30/99
All Accounts, Sessions 000000 to 002425

Active Sessions (Not Included In Report)
002413

ment / Vendor Information	Check	Ck Date	Prity	Invoice	Session	Reference	Amount
							198.93
1 / Margurite Ferrell	50416	12/01/98	1	12019804	000153	CAR CKS	29.80
							29.80
1 / Shirley Morgan	50417	12/01/98	1	12019805	000153	CAR CK	335.70
							335.70
1 / James White	50418	12/01/98	1	12019806	000153	CAR CK	111.10
							111.10
S1 / Hardy Arnold	50419	12/01/98	1	12019807	000153	CAR CK	10.47
							10.47
S1 / Dickie Davis	50420	12/01/98	1	12019808	000153	CAR CK	[illegible]
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/ Mississippi Employment Security C	[illegible]	12/02/98	[illegible]	[illegible]	000155	[illegible]	[illegible]
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AS1 / Liz Brown	[illegible]	12/02/98	[illegible]	[illegible]	000155	REFUND	[illegible]
							[illegible]
AS1 / Southern Graphics	[illegible]	12/02/98	[illegible]	[illegible]	000155	EMBROI	[illegible]
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AS1 / Tera Lee Foster	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	000155	VE	[illegible]
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1 / BFI Waste Systems of North Americ	[illegible]	12/03/98	2	103198	[illegible]		[illegible]
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11 / Audit Bureau of Circulation	50428	12/03/98	2	227302	000155		[illegible]
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125 / Pounds Printing	50429	12/03/98	2	103198	000155		[illegible]
							[illegible]
142 / AmeriPride White Rose Rental	50430	12/03/98	2	62938	000155		[illegible]
	50430	12/03/98	2	65335	000155		[illegible]
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RT 2 BOX 228 A-1A -1 030 0.00 LstT: 11/27/98
BASSFIELD 060 0.00 Strt: 11/03/98 CC ToDte Expires
MS 39421 000-948-5588 090 0.00 Type: POLI E 99/99/99
JON ANDERSON 0120 0.00 SRep: 6A

TRX	DATE	DESCRIPTION # PUBS	IO/CHECK	AMOUNT	RCD REP	CC	SIZE CLS #	RATE %DSC
***	11/01/98	OPENING BALANCE		0.00				
001	11/02/98	WORKING FOR US DL	N	175.00	PUB 18	E	28.00	6.250
002	11/27/98	REFUND OVERPAID DL	ADJ	100.00	DEB 18		F	0.000
001	11/03/98	PAYMENT ck#	1146	275.00	P1 PAY			

OP_BALANCE	TOT_CHARGE	TOT_CREDIT	TOT_SIZE	#CHG	$CRD	SERVICE_CG	AGY_DSC
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