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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

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Mr. Robert F. Bauer  
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RE: MUR 5279  
John D. Sims

Dear Mr. Bauer:

On June 26, 2002, the Federal Election Commission found reason to believe that John D. Sims violated 2 U.S.C. § 441f and 11 C.F.R. § 110.4(b)(1)(ii). On November 18, 2003, the Commission determined to enter into negotiations directed towards reaching a conciliation agreement in settlement of this matter prior to a finding of probable cause to believe.

Enclosed is a conciliation agreement that the Commission has approved in settlement of this matter. If your client agrees with the provisions of the enclosed agreement, please sign and return it, along with the civil penalty, to the Commission. In light of the fact that conciliation negotiations, prior to a finding of probable cause to believe, are limited to a maximum of 30 days, you should respond to this notification as soon as possible.

If you have any questions or suggestions for changes in the agreement, or if you wish to arrange a meeting in connection with a mutually satisfactory conciliation agreement, please contact me or Michelle Abellera at (202) 694-1650.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Albert R. Veldhuyzen", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Albert R. Veldhuyzen  
Attorney

Enclosure  
Conciliation Agreement