

Marilyn
O'GRADY
for Congress
4th District

PMB 162, 734 Franklin Ave., Garden City, NY 11530

December 19, 2002

Re: MUR 5341

Mr. Jeff S. Jordan
Supervisory Attorney
Central Enforcement Docket
Federal Election Commission
Washington, D.C. 20463

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Dear Mr. Jordan:

This letter is written in response to the above complaint against Friends of Marilyn F. O'Grady ("Committee"). Our response will address the complaints in the same order they were submitted.

1. There were two transactions in March 2002, an unsecured loan was received in the amount of \$50,000 and a disbursement was made in the amount of \$7500. The required filing for the first quarter 2002 was not made and in retrospect, should have been filed.
2. The two \$50,000 unsecured loans received March 22 and June 29 were listed as normal contributions instead of being listed on "Schedule C-Loans". We will file an amendment to these reports if the FEC decides this is necessary.
3. The committee filed the report covering the period of July 1 through August 21, 2002 after the due date of August 29, 2002. This was inadvertent and due to our inexperience with filings.
4. The payment to McLaughlin and Associates was made for TV ads produced by Warfield and Associates. The expenditure for the production of these ads was listed in previous reports as expenditure to Warfield and Associates. As to what is "suspect" about the payments to McLaughlin and Associates we do



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not understand. If McLaughlin and Associates were to be contacted they will readily confirm the Committee's payment for their services.

5. The committee initially provided paper filings of its reports and filed electronically after being informed that this was necessitated by the fact that there were expenditures in excess of \$50,000. It is true that even though the reports were filed, they were initially paper filings. We took corrective action to insure future filings would be done electronically.
6. The letter distributed by Mr. Charles (Chuck) Mansfield, in retrospect, should have stated, "Paid for by Friends of Marilyn F. O'Grady" because it may have gone to more than 100 individuals. At this point in time, we cannot confirm or deny how many individuals the letter was sent to. In addition, the Committee respectfully requests that any further issues with Mr. Mansfield's letter be directed to the Committee and not Mr. Mansfield. Mr. Mansfield is a citizen who helped a candidate, whom he supported, run for political office. The Committee feels it would be very detrimental to the democratic process for a citizen to be intimidated into not participating in future elections for fear of litigation by a government agency. It is unfortunate that the opposing political party, which Mr. Jacob represents, does not feel the same way. The responsibility for this letter rests with the Friends of Marilyn F. O'Grady and not Mr. Mansfield.

We hope this response clarifies for the FEC the issues raised by Mr. Jacobs of the Nassau Democratic Party. The Committee hopes that Mr. Jacobs of the Nassau Democratic Party is not blatantly using FEC laws and regulations for political harassment of an opponent after an election. If Mr. Jacobs true motivation is respect for the law then we can assure everyone that the Committee is composed of honorable individuals who would never intentionally violate laws or regulations.

Yours truly,



Thomas Keller
Treasurer of Friends of Marilyn F. O'Grady

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