



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

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Dennis J. Plews
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Re: MUR 5361
Michael Shelton

Dear Mr. Plews:

As a follow-up to our conversation on Thursday, July 17, 2003, I wanted to again note that I am in receipt of your letter dated June 23, 2003 asking me to assist you in making arrangements to schedule depositions related to MUR 5361, where your client, Mr. Shelton, is a respondent. As I explained, the processing of a complaint by the Federal Election Commission is not an adversarial proceeding between the complainant and respondent(s). Therefore, neither the complainant nor the respondent is afforded the opportunity to direct any discovery. If the Commission finds that there is reason to believe that any party violated the Federal Election Campaign Act it may conduct an investigation at which time the Commission will decide who to depose. Please refer to the procedures we sent to your client at the time the complaint was filed. Feel free to contact me on (202) 694-1650 if you have any further questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeff S. Jordan", is written over the word "Sincerely,".

Jeff S. Jordan
Supervisory Attorney
Central Enforcement Docket

cc: Jan Schneider