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Signed

date

Barker [Signature]
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BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

In the Matter of }
Bruce Brown }

MUR 601 (78)

CERTIFICATION

I, Marjorie W. Emmons, Secretary to the Federal Election Commission, do hereby certify that on June 7, 1978, the Commission approved by a vote of 6-0 the recommendation in the First General Counsel's Report to find no reason to believe that the respondent violated 2 U.S.C. §437g(a)(3)(B) and close the case in the above-captioned matter.

Date: 6/7/78

Marjorie W. Emmons
Marjorie W. Emmons
Secretary to the Commission

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1325 K STREET N.W.
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

June 8, 1978

Mr. Bruce L. Brown
725 Westmoreland
Lansing, Michigan 48915

Re: MUR 601 (78)

Dear Mr. Brown:

I am forwarding the enclosed complaint pursuant to Section 437g(a)(2) of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended, for your information. The Commission believes that on the basis of the information in the complaint, there is no reason to believe that a violation of §437g(a)(3)(B) of the Act has been committed. Accordingly, the Commission does not intend to investigate the matter any further.

Sincerely yours

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "W. G. Oldaker", is written over the typed name.

William G. Oldaker
General Counsel

Enclosure

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FIRST GENERAL COUNSEL'S REPORT

DATE AND TIME OF TRANSMITTAL
BY OGC TO THE COMMISSION _____

MUR NO. 601
DATE COMPLAINT RECEIVED
BY OGC May 15, 1978
STAFF
MEMBER Van Gelder

COMPLAINANT'S NAME:

RESPONDENT'S NAME: Bruce Brown

RELEVANT STATUTE: 2 U.S.C. §437g(a)(3)(B)

INTERNAL REPORTS CHECKED: MUR 485 (77)

FEDERAL AGENCIES CHECKED: None

SUMMARY OF ALLEGATIONS

, on behalf of
, state that Bruce Brown, the complainant
in MUR 485(77) violated 2 U.S.C. §437g(a)(3)(B) by making public the fact
that the FEC is investigating

The allegation states that Mr. Brown sent a
copy of his complaint together with copies of certain pertinent documents
to Mark Fabian, a reporter for the State News newspaper in Lansing, Michigan
and that on May 2, 1978, the State News ran a front page story based upon
the material supplied by Brown, (see attachment 1).

The complainants in this matter allege that Mr. Brown transmitted this
information "At sometime during or about April, 1978" and it is unclear
whether he gave the information out before or after the FEC sent its
acknowledgement letter; however, it appears that the acknowledgement
letter by the Commission does not contain the "boilerplate" language
of §437g(a)(3)(B) nor does the addendum to the letter set forth the
confidentiality section of the Act.

Thus, in the absence of specific notification of the confidentiality
section of the Act, is a complainant who notifies the public that he
has submitted a notarized complaint to the Commission in violation of
2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(3)(B).

RECOMMENDATION

Since all Mr. Brown did was submit his own complaint to the newspaper the Commission should not find reason to believe that Mr. Brown violated 2 U.S.C. §437g(a)(3)(B) and close the case.

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