

FROM THE DESK OF JOHN SWALLOW

October 2, 2014

Mr. Jeff Jordan, Esq.
Federal Elections Commission
C/O Ms. Frankie Hampton
Via Email: fhampton@fec.gov

Re: MUR 6850

Dear Mr. Jordan:

This is in response to information I have received regarding the above-referenced MUR. Unfortunately, I am currently involved as a defendant in an open criminal proceeding in the State of Utah and my counsel has advised me to not substantively respond to the allegations raised in the complaint that is the subject of the MUR, except to say that I dispute the allegations asserted therein relative to me.

I would refer you to the information in the subject complaint, including the emails included in the attachments, which may shed light on my understanding and belief of Mr. Johnson's activities at the time in question. In an email related to the Lee campaign contributions, he stated that he may have pushed donors too hard. There is no indication in that correspondence to me, made contemporaneous with the donations, that he had provided the funds to such donors. If he did, I was unaware of it and, unless he communicated otherwise directly with the Lee campaign, the campaign was unaware of it as well.

In an email related to the Shurtleff donations, he stated that the donors desired to meet Mr. Shurtleff personally to hand the contributions to him. That expression, with nothing more, would have led me to believe the donors were providing their own funds and that is why they wanted to at least briefly meet the exploratory candidate. Again, in that contemporaneous correspondence, there is no indication that he had provided the funds to such donors and I dispute the allegations.

Although you do not need the following information from me, at the time at issue, the 2010 election, \$7,200 was the three (3) election aggregate contribution limit (\$2,400 x 3) that is allowable in Utah for the Convention, Primary and General elections in an election cycle.

At such time as my current involvement in Utah has been resolved, I would be happy to provide any substantive information requested.

Respectfully yours,


John Swallow

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