



**FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION**  
Washington, DC 20463

**VIA EMAIL**

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RE: MURs 7207, 7268, and 7623  
Donald J. Trump  
Make American Great Again PAC (f/k/a  
Donald J. Trump for President, Inc.) and  
Bradley T. Crate in his official capacity  
as treasurer

Dear Mr. Crosland:

On December 22, 2016, August 15, 2017, and July 25, 2019, the Federal Election Commission notified your clients, Donald J. Trump and Make America Great Again PAC (f/k/a Donald J. Trump for President, Inc.), and Bradley T. Crate in his official capacity as treasurer (the "Trump Committee"), of the complaints in MURs 7207, 7268 and 7623, alleging that your clients violated certain sections of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended.

On April 22, 2021, the Commission considered the complaints and their supplements but was equally divided on whether to find reason to believe that Trump and the Trump Committee violated 52 U.S.C. § 30121(a)(2) and 11 C.F.R. § 110.20(g) by knowingly soliciting, accepting or receiving an in-kind contribution from the Russian Federation in connection with Trump's press conference statement; that the Trump Committee violated 52 U.S.C. § 30121(a)(2) and 11 C.F.R. § 110.20(g) by knowingly soliciting a prohibited in-kind contribution from WikiLeaks; and that the Trump Committee violated 52 U.S.C. §§ 30114(b), 30121 and 11 C.F.R. §§ 113.1(g)(3), 110.20(g) by transferring a campaign committee asset without charge or by knowingly soliciting a prohibited in-kind foreign national contribution in connection with polling data allegedly sent by Trump Committee official Paul Manafort. Accordingly, on August 10, 2021, the Commission closed its file in these matters.

Documents related to the case will be placed on the public record within 30 days. *See* Disclosure of Certain Documents in Enforcement and Other Matters, 81 Fed. Reg. 50,702 (Aug. 2, 2016), effective September 1, 2016. A Statement of Reasons providing the basis for the Commission's decision will follow.

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If you have any questions, please contact Nicholas Bamman, the attorney assigned to this matter, at (202) 694-1650 or nbamman@fec.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Claudio Pavia". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "C".

Claudio Pavia  
Acting Assistant General Counsel