



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20463

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October 1, 2021

Allen J. Epstein

Orlando, FL 32808

RE: MUR 7207

Dear Mr. Epstein:

This is in reference to the complaint you filed with the Federal Election Commission on August 16, 2019. As previously indicated in a letter dated September 24, 2020, the Office of General Counsel severed your submission into three matters under review, including MUR 7207, concerning Russian interference in the 2016 election.

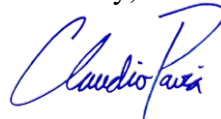
On August 18, 2021, we wrote to inform you that (1) on April 22, 2021, the Commission found that there was reason to believe H. Russell Taub violated 52 U.S.C. § 30121(a), a provision of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended, and 11 C.F.R. § 110.20(g) of the Commission regulations by knowingly soliciting, accepting, or receiving a prohibited in-kind foreign national contribution; (2) on August 10, 2021, a conciliation agreement signed by H. Russell Taub was accepted by the Commission; (3) on April 22, 2021, the Commission considered the allegations raised in your complaint but was equally divided on whether to find reason to believe that 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 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; and on whether to find reason to believe that the Russian Federation violated 52 U.S.C. § 30121(a)(1)(A) and 11 C.F.R. § 110.20(b) by making a prohibited in-kind contribution to Donald J. Trump for President, Inc. by expending resources to hack Hillary Clinton-related servers in response to Trump's press conference statement; (4) on April 22, 2021, the Commission voted to dismiss the Russian Federation as a matter of prosecutorial discretion; and (5) on August 10, 2021 the Commission closed its file in this matter.

This letter is to inform you that, on September 28, 2021, the Commission voted to reopen the matter for further consideration.

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If you have any questions, please contact Nicholas Bamman, the attorney assigned to this matter, at (202) 694-1628 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