



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

CNMI Republican Party
Ruffin S. Inos, Treasurer
James A. Ada, Chair
P.O. Box 502825
Saipan, MP 96950

JAN 30 2020

RE: MUR 7624

Dear Mr. Inos:

The Federal Election Commission ("Commission"), has ascertained information in the normal course of carrying out its supervisory responsibilities indicating that CNMI Republican Party and you, in your official capacity as treasurer, may have violated the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended (the "Act").¹ Specifically, it appears that you have accepted contributions from foreign national corporations in 2016, in violation of 52 U.S.C. § 30121(a)(2). Specifically, on December 30, 2016, the party accepted \$10,000 from Alter City Group, Inc., \$10,000 from Imperial Pacific International, and \$5,000 from Honest Profit International. We have numbered this matter MUR 7624.

The Act affords you the opportunity to demonstrate in writing that no action should be taken against CNMI Republican Party and you in your official capacity as treasurer. If you wish to file a response, you may submit any factual or legal materials that you believe are relevant to the Commission's consideration of this matter. Where appropriate, statements should be submitted under oath by persons with relevant knowledge. Your response, which should be addressed to the General Counsel's Office, must be submitted within 15 days of receipt of this letter. If no response is received within 15 days, the Commission may take further action based on the available information.

This matter will remain confidential in accordance with 52 U.S.C. §§ 30109(a)(4)(B) and 30109(a)(12)(A) unless you notify the Commission in writing that you wish the matter to be made public. Please be advised that, although the Commission cannot disclose information regarding an investigation to the public, it may share information on a confidential basis with other law enforcement agencies.²

If you intend to be represented by counsel in this matter, please advise the Commission by completing the enclosed form stating the name, address, and telephone number of such

¹ Notification [REDACTED] is being provided to you pursuant to the Commission's Agency Procedure for Notice to Respondents in Non-Complaint Generated Matters, as published in the Federal Register on August 4, 2009 (74 Fed. Reg. 38,617).

² The Commission has the statutory authority to refer knowing and willful violations of the Act to the Department of Justice for potential criminal prosecution, 52 U.S.C. § 30109(a)(5)(C), and to report information regarding violations of law not within its jurisdiction to appropriate law enforcement authorities. *Id.* § 30107(a)(9).

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counsel, and authorizing such counsel to receive any notifications and other communications from the Commission. Please note that you have a legal obligation to preserve all documents, records, and materials relating to the subject matter [REDACTED] until such time as you are notified that the Commission has closed its file in this matter. See 18 U.S.C. § 1519.

Any correspondence sent to the Commission, such as a response, must be addressed to **one** of the following (note, if submitting via email, this Office will provide an electronic receipt by email):

Mail

OR

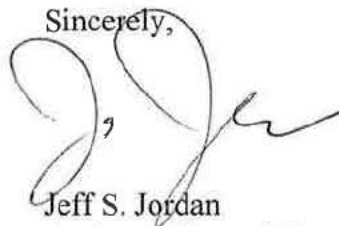
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Federal Election Commission
Office of Complaints Examination
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Attn: Christal Dennis, Paralegal
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If you have any questions, please contact Christal Dennis at (202) 694-1650 or toll free at 1-800-424-9530. For your information, we have enclosed a brief description of the Commission's preliminary procedures for processing possible violations discovered by the Commission.

Sincerely,



Jeff S. Jordan
Assistant General Counsel
Complaints Examination &
Legal Administration

