

DATE AND TIME OF REPORT: 3/1/76 12:00 noon

NO. MUR 095 (76)
RECORDED: 3/1/76

FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
Washington, D. C.

Complainant's Name: Robert J. Luellen

Respondent's Name: Gerald R. Ford

Relevant Statute: 18 U.S.C. §595

Internal Reports Checked: _____

Federal Agencies Checked: _____

SUMMARY OF ALLEGATION

President Ford, as head of the Republican Party, is in violation of
18 U.S.C. §595.

PRELIMINARY LEGAL ANALYSIS

FEC does not have jurisdiction over §595. Further, the complaint
lacks merit.

RECOMMENDATION

Close file. Send attached letter.

Date of Next Commission Review: _____

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

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Mr. Robert J. Luellen
Box 513
1521 Castle Hills Drive
New Castle, Indiana 47362

Dear Mr. Luellen:

I have received your complaint of February 27, 1976, alleging violations of 18 U.S.C. §595 of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended, by President Ford. I have reviewed your allegations and have concluded the Federal Election Commission does not have jurisdiction over the matters set forth. Accordingly, the Commission intends to close its files in this matter and will proceed with no further investigation of it.

If further information comes to your attention which you believe establishes a claim on matters within the Commission's jurisdiction, please feel free to write and apprise me of them.

Sincerely yours,

John G. Murphy, Jr.
General Counsel



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FORMAL COMPLAINT

Box 513
1521 Castle Hill Drive
New Castle, Indiana 47306Complaint Dept.
Federal Election Commission
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Republican Party Feb. 27, 1976
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Dear F.E.C. Complaint Dept:

I want to present a formal complaint against the President Gerald R. Ford in not observing his role as only head of Republican Party in name only, as defined in Hughes "The Living Presidency", which declares no President since Harry Truman has tried to be head of his party. Recent newspaper article states clearly that President is head of party in name only and refers in print to Gerald R. Ford, and of interfering with my candidacy in a Federal Election in year of 1976. This violates Title 18 United States Code. Chapter 29 Elections & Political Activities; Paragraph 595, Interference by administrative employees of Federal, State or Territorial Governments. Any of these persons interfering with, or affecting, the nomination or election of any candidate for the office of President, V. President, presidential elector, member of Senate, member of House of Representatives, Delegate from District of Columbia or Resident Commissioner shall be fined \$1000 or imprisoned for not more than 1 year, or both. President Ford is directly responsible for delay, total lack of notice, (by media)

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no funding by mail from any source, Federal, party,
state or local, after persistent efforts to raise
funds in at least 1 of some 43 states in the United
States, and postal investigation of these circumstances
with Postal Inspector, and other acts meant to
delay and intimidate me in my candidacy for office
of President of the United States and for dual
candidacy, of member of U.S. House of Representatives,
meaning I must drop one office by filing deadline in
Indiana of March 15th 1976. I was certified for
U.S. House of Representatives on Feb. 23, 1976
by Larry Conrad, Secretary of State of Indiana, and
and am certified with Federal Election Commission
under P6000460 and have acknowledgement of
my principal campaign committee and for campaign
depositories on January 6, 1976 by Federal Election
Commission in Washington, D.C. Please take this
before Commission or ~~just a right~~ ⁰⁰¹ ~~or Commission~~ ⁰⁰² as is
appropriate for prosecution of this charge.

Very truly (Robert J. Zelen)
Robert J. Zelen
Candidate for President
Certified for House 76
Republican Party

Subscribed & sworn to
before me this 27th
day of February, 1976.

My Comm. Ex: 4-2-76

Charles J. Nolan

Box 513
9521 Castle Hills Drive
New Castle, Indiana 47362

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