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BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

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In the Matter of

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MUR 1707

Young Americans for Freedom, Inc.

CERTIFICATION

I, Marjorie W. Emmons, Secretary of the Federal Election Commission, do hereby certify that on August 13, 1985, the Commission decided by a vote of 6-0 to take the following actions in MUR 1707:

- Accept the agreement signed by Terrell Cannon in settlement of this matter as attached to the General Counsel's Report signed August 6, 1985.
- 2. Close the file.
- Send the letters attached to the General Counsel's Report signed August 6, 1985.

Commissioners Aikens, Elliott, Harris, Josefiak,

McDonald and McGarry voted affirmatively in this matter.

Attest:

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V Marjorie W. Emmons Secretary of the Commission

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

August 21, 1985

MacKenzie Canter, III, Esquire Canter, Kent & Sullivan 2020 K Street, N.W. Suite 350 Washington, D.C. 20006

> RE: MUR 1707 Young Americans for Freedom, Inc.

Dear Mr. Canter:

On August 13, 1985, the Commission accepted the conciliation agreement signed by your client and a civil penalty in settlement of violations of 2 U.S.C. § 441b(a) and § 441d, provisions of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended.

Accordingly, the entire file has been closed in this matter, and it will become a part of the public record within thirty days. However 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(4)(B) prohibits any information derived in connection with any conciliation attempt from becoming public without the written consent of the respondent and the Commission. Should you wish any such information to become part of the public record, please advise us in writing.

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CONCILIATION AGREEMENT

This matter was initiated by the Federal Election Commission, pursuant to information ascertained in the notation course of carrying out its supervisory responsibilities and by signed, sworn, and notarized complaint filed by Carol C. Hoper The Commission found reason to believe that Young Americans for Freedom, Inc. ("Respondent") violated 2 U.S.C. § 441b(a) by making an expenditure in connection with a federal election and 2 U.S.C. § 441d by failing to have a disclaimer on a solicitation letter which expressly advocated President Reagan's re-election in 1984.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Commission and Respondent, having participated in informal methods of conciliation, prior to a finding of probable cause to believe, do hereby agree as follows:

I. The Commission has jurisdiction over the Respondent, and the subject matter of this proceeding, and this agreement has the effect of an agreement entered into pursuant to 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(4)(A).

II. Respondent has had a reasonable opportunity to demonstrate that no action should be taken in this matter.

III. Respondent enters voluntarily into this agreement with the Commission.

IV. The pertinent facts of this matter are as follows:

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1. Respondent, Young Americans for Freedom, Inc., is a non-profit, non-stock, membership corporation whose Articles of Incorporation are filed with the State of Delaware.

2. Between October 17, 1983, and March 26, 1984, the Respondent mailed a total of 802,566 letters to the general public.

3. The letter signed by Secretary Block solicited funds to Young Americans for Freedom to be used in connection with the 1984 election and expressly advocated President Reagan's re-election in 1984.

4. The mailing was paid for by the Respondent and total costs incurred equal \$216,625.

5. The money raised by the mailing, \$242,745, was used to cover the mailing costs; the remainder was held by the Respondent and applied to administrative costs.

6. Pursuant to 2 U.S.C. § 441b, a corporation is prohibited from making expenditures in connection with a federal election.

7. Pursuant to 2 U.S.C. § 441d, whenever any person makes an expenditure for the purposes of financing a communication which either expressly advocates the election of a clearly identified candidate or solicits any contribution, the communication shall state whether it was authorized by the candidate, an authorized committee of the candidate or its agents, and shall clearly state who paid for the communication

and whether it was authorized by the candidate or the candidate's committee.

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V. Respondent violated 2 U.S.C. \$ 441b(a) by making a reference in a prospect mail communication, which advocated the election of President Reagan in the 1984 election.

VI. Respondent violated 2 U.S.C. § 441d, by making reference to President Reagan in a context which could suggest that the Respondent urged his election in 1984. Therefore, inasmuch as the Commission has found that the statute was violated the respondent should have included a disclaimer on his letter as provided in 2 U.S.C. § 441d.

VII. Respondent will pay a civil penalty to the Treasurer of the United States in the amount of ninety four hundred dollars (\$9,400), pursuant to 2 U.S.C. \$437g(a)(5)(A).

VIII. Respondent agrees that it shall not undertake any activity which is in violation of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended, 2 U.S.C. § 431, et seq.

IX. The Commission, on request of anyone filing a complaint under 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(1) concerning the matters at issue herein or on its own motion, may review compliance with this agreement. If the Commission believes that this agreement or any requirement thereof has been violated, it may institute a civil action for relief in the United States District Court for the District of Columbia.

X. This agreement shall become effective as of the date that all parties hereto have executed same and the Commission has approved the entire agreement.

XI. Respondent shall have no more than one hundred twenty (120) days from the date this agreement becomes effective to comply with and implement the requirements contained in this agreement and to so notify the Commission.

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XII. This Conciliation Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the parties on the matters raised herein, and no other statement, promise, or agreement, either written or oral, made by either party or by agents of either party, that is not contained in this written agreement shall be valid. FOR THE COMMISSION:

Charles N. Steele General Counsel

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Associate General Counsel

FOR THE RESPONDENT:

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August 21, 1985

Carol C. Piper 3934 - 14th Avenue North St. Petersburg, Florida 33713

RE: MUR 1707

Dear Mrs. Piper:

This is in response to the complaint you filed with the Commission on May 18, 1984, concerning a letter by Young American for Freedom, Inc.

The Commission determined there was reason to believe that Young Americans for Freedom, Inc. violated 2 U.S.C. \$441b(a) and \$441d and Young Americans for Freedom Political Action Committee and Lewis Doherty, as treasurer, violated 2 U.S.C. \$ 434(a), provisions of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended. An investigation was conducted in this matter and on June 12, 1985, and August 13, 1985, conciliation agreements signed by the respondents were accepted by the Commission, thereby concluding the matter. Copies of these agreements are enclosed for your information

The file number in this matter is MUR 1707. If you have any questions, please contact Judy Thedford, the staff member assigned to this matter, at (202) 523-4000.

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Charles N. Steele General Counsel BY:

Kenneth A. Gross Associate General Counsel

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

August 21, 1985

Gerald E. McDowell, Chief Public Integrity Section Criminal Division U.S. Department of Justice Washington, D.C. 20503

RE: MUR 1707

Dear Mr. McDowell:

This is in reference to the captioned matter involving Young Americans for Freedom, Inc., which your office referred to the Commission on March 2, 1984.

After conducting an investigation into this matter, the Commission determined that there was reason to believe that Young Americans for Freedom, Inc., violated 2 U.S.C. §441b(a) and 441d, and Young Americans for Freedom Political Action Committees, and Lewis Doherty, as treasurer, violated 2 U.S.C. § 434(a), provisions of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended. The Commission has now entered into conciliation agreements with the respondents in the matter. Copies of these agreements are enclosed for your information.

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BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

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Young Americans for Freedom Political Action Committee Robert E. Dolan, Treasurer MUR 1707

CONCILIATION AGREEMENT

This matter was initiated by the Federal Election Commission (hereinafter "the Commission"), pursuant to information ascertained in the normal course of carrying out its supervisory responsibilities. The Commission found reason believe that Young Americans for Freedom Political Action Committee and Robert E. Dolan, as treasurer, ("Respondent") violated 2 U.S.C. § 434 by failing to file reports timely.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Commission and Respondent, having participated in informal methods of conciliation, prior to a finding of probable cause to believe, do hereby agree as follows:

I. The Commission has jurisdiction over the Respondent, and the subject matter of this proceeding, and this agreement has the effect of an agreement entered into pursuant to 2 U.S.C. § 434g(a)(4)(A)(i).

II. Respondent has had a reasonable opportunity to demonstrate that no action should be taken in this matter.

III. Respondent enters voluntarily into this agreement with the Commission.

IV. The pertinent facts in this matter are as follows:

Respondent, Young Americans for Freedom Political
 Action Committee, is a political action committee registered
 with the Commission.

2. Robert E. Dolan is the treasurer of the Respondent Committee.

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CERTIFICATION

I, Marjorie W. Emmons, Secretary of the Federal Election Commission, do hereby certify that on June 12, 1985, the Commission decided by a vote of 6-0 to take the following actions in MUR 1707:

- Accept the agreement attached to the General Counsel's Report signed June 7, 1985.
- 2. Close the file with respect to Young Americans for Freedom Political Action Committee and Lewis Doherty, as treasurer.
- Send the letter attached to the General Counsel's Report signed June 7, 1985.

Commissioners Aikens, Elliott, Harris, McDonald, McGarry and Reiche voted affirmatively in this matter.

Attest:

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V Marjorie W. Emmons Secretary of the Commission

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June 17, 1985

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BY: Kenneth Gross Α. Associate General Counsel

FOR THE RESPONDENT:

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May 31, 1985

Carol C. Piper 3934 Fourteenth Avenue North St. Petersburg, Florida 33713

Dear Ms. Piper:

This is in response to your letter of May 25, 1985, in which you request information pertaining to the complaint you filed with the Commission.

The Federal Election Campaign Act prohibits any person from making public the fact of any notification or investigation by the Commission unless the party being investigated has agreed in writing that the matter be made public. (See 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(4)(B) and § 437g(a)(12)(A)). Because there has been no written agreement that the matter be made public, we are not in a position to release any information at this time.

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3934-14th Avenue North St. Petersburg, Florida 33713 May 25, 1985

Mr. Kenneth A. Gross, Associate General Counsel Federal Election Commission 1325 K Street N. W. Washington, D. C. 20463

Re: Complaint against John R. Block and Young Americans for Freedom

Dear Mr. Gross:

Although you acknowledged receipt of my complaint on May 18, 1984, and told me that I would be notified as soon as the Commission had taken final action on my complaint, I have received no report as yet.

Does this mean that the matter is still under investigation or that it has been dropped?

Sincerely,

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Ms. Judy Thedford Office of General Counsel Federal Election Commission 1325 K. St. N.W. Washington, D.C. 20463

Dear Ms. Thedford:

I am in receipt of your recent letter concerning YAF-PAC (MUR 1707). I wish to request that a pre-probable 971-1975 cause conciliation agreement be entered into between YAF-PAC and the FEC. Ronald F. Docksei Jeff D. Kane 1975-1977 John S. Buckley

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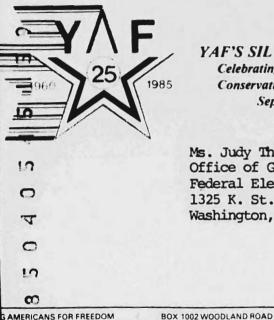
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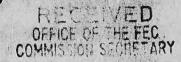




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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

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February 14, 1985

MEMORANDUM TO: The Commission

Charles N. Steeledd

SUBJECT: MUR 1707

Attached for the Commission's review is a brief stating the position of the General Counsel on the legal and factual issues of the above-captioned matter. A copy of this brief and a letter notifying each respondent of the General Counsel's intent to recommend to the Commission a finding of probable cause to believe was mailed February 14, 1985. Following receipt of the respondent's reply to this notice, this Office will make a further report to the Commission.

Attachments

1. Brief

2. Letter to Respondent



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

MEMORANDUM

TO:	Office of the Commission Secretary
FROM:	Office of General Counsel
DATE:	February 14, 1985
SUBJECT:	MUR 1707 - Memorandum and GC's Brief

The attached is submitted as an Agenda document

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Young Americans for Freedom Political Action Committee Robert E. Dolan, Treasurer MUR 1707

GENERAL COUNSEL'S BRIEF

I. STATEMENT OF THE CASE:

Young Americans for Freedom Political Action Committee and Robert E. Dolan, as treasurer, ("YAF-PAC") have failed to file reports of financial disclosure required by 2 U.S.C. § 434. On May 21, 1984, the Commission found reason to believe that YAF-PAC violated 2 U.S.C. § 434 and notified the respondent accordingly. II. LEGAL AND FACTUAL ANALYSIS:

Pursuant to 2 U.S.C. § 434(a)(4), a political committee other than the authorized committee of a candidate is required to file in an election year four quarterly reports due April 15, July 15, October 15 and January 31 of the following year; a pre-election report due the 12th day before any election in which the committee makes contributions or expenditures on behalf of a candidate in such election; and a 30 day post-general election report due 30 days after the general election. In a non-election year, reports are due semi-annually, July 31 and January 31 of the following year.

YAF-PAC has failed to file reports since the 1982 Post-General Election Report. The following reports remain outstanding:

REPORT	DUE DATE	COVERAGE DATES
1982 Year-End	1/31/83	11/27/82-12/31/82
1983 Mid-Year	7/31/83	1/1/83-6/30/83
1983 Year-End	1/31/84	7/1/83-12/31/83
1984 April Quarterly	4/15/84	1/1/84-3/31/84
1984 July Quarterly	7/15/84	4/1/84-6/30/84
1984 October Quarterly 1984 30 Day Post	10/15/84	7/1/84-9/30/84
General Election	12/6/84	10/1/84-11/26/84

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Counsel has indicated that YAF has had difficulty in obtaining bank records from two banks, First Virginia Bank and First American Bank, at which YAF-PAC had accounts. Counsel stated that these records were needed so that YAF could fill out its reports of receipts and expenditures. According to Counsel, the Vice-President of the First Virginia Bank refused to release any records until the signature of the person who has signature authority over the account was presented. YAF-PAC was unsure of the identity of this person and had to locate the individual. Bank records were also requested from First American Bank. A July 31 phone call from YAF-PAC stated that records were being copied at YAF-PAC's expense and hopefully the reports would be complied shortly.

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In response to a request for pre-probable cause conciliation, the Commission on November 14, 1984, voted to decline to enter into pre-probable conciliation with YAF-PAC until the outstanding reports were filed. A letter dated November 29, 1984, requested the reports. As of this writing, YAF-PAC has failed to file the outstanding reports in violation of 2 U.S.C. § 434.

III. GENERAL COUNSEL'S RECOMMENDATION:

The Office of General Counsel recommends finding probable cause to believe that Young Americans for Freedom Political Action Committee and Robert E. Dolan, as treasurer, violated 2 U.S.C. § 434.

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Charles N. Steele General Counsel



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

February 14, 1985

MacKenzie Carter, III, Esquire Canter, Kent & Sullivan 2020 K Street, N.W. Suite 350 Washington, D.C. 20006

> Re: MUR 1707 Young Americans for Freedom Political Action Committee Robert E. Dolan, Treasurer

Dear Mr. Canter:

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Based on information ascertained in the normal course of carrying out its supervisory responsibilities, the Federal Election Commission, on May 21, 1984, found reason to believe your client, Young Americans for Freedom Political Action Committee and Robert E. Dolan, as treasurer, had violated 2 U.S.C. § 434, and instituted an investigation in this matter.

After considering all the evidence available to the Commission, the Office of the General Counsel is prepared to recommend that the Commission find probable cause to believe that a violation has occurred.

Submitted for your review is a brief stating the position of the General Counsel on the legal and factual issues of the case. Within fifteen days of your receipt of this notice, you may file with the Secretary of the Commission a brief (10 copies if possible) stating your position on the issues and replying to the brief of the General Counsel. (Three copies of your brief should also be forwarded to the Office of General Counsel, if possible.) The General Counsel's brief and any brief which you may submit will be considered by the Commission before proceeding to a vote of probable cause to believe a violation has occurred.

If you are unable to file a responsive brief within 15 days, you may submit a written request to the Commission for an extension of time in which to file a brief. The Commission will not grant an extension beyond 20 days. MacKenzie Canter, III, Esquire Page 2

A finding a probable cause to believe requires that the Office of General Counsel attempt for a period of not less than thirty, but not more than ninety days to settle this matter through a conciliation agreement.

Should you have any question, please contact Judy Thedford at (202) 523-4000.

Since Charles N.

General Counsel

Enclosure Brief



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Mr. Charles N. Steele Office of General Council Federal Election Commission 1325 K Street, Northwest Washington, D.C. 20463

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Dear Mr. Steele:

Based on information and belief the answers to the attached interrogatories pursuant to your letter dated November 29, 1984 are true.

Terrell Cannon, Treasurer Young Americans for Freedom

State: Nebraska County:

Subscribed and sworn before me this 25 day of January 1985.

Notary Public

My commission expires: Jon. 4, 1986

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Box 1002, Woodland Road, Sterling, Virginia 22170 (703) 450-5162

January 4, 1985

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RE: MUR 1707

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Dear Mr. Steele:

This letter is in response to your letter dated November 29, 1984 regarding the five (5) questions relating to the "Block Letters" mailed by YAF.

In light of the voluminous quantity of information requested by your office, every attempt has been made to provide forthright and accurate answers to each question. In fact, several answers concerning mail dates, quantities mailed and costs are incorporated into one computer printout (attached) which was generated especially for this purpose.

Given the enormous amount of information requested along with the time required to research back records, some information such as cancelled checks and bills could not be acquired during this holiday season to meet your extended deadline of January 4, 1985.

If after reviewing the information provided herein, you still require the cancelled checks and bills requested in question #5 every effort will be made to comply with your request given a reasonable period of time.

Further, your denial of an additional extension of time requires that the answers to your questions be submitted on this day Friday, January 4, 1985, making it impossible for Terrell Cannon, YAF's Treasurer, to submit these answers under oath at this particular time. However, a copy of this material is being forwarded to him in Nebraska for immediate submittal to you under oath.

NATIONAL CHAIRMAN ROBERT DOLAN Washington, D.C.

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As YAF National Chairman, I hereby submit the answers to your questions per your letter dated November 29, 1984.

We look forward to assisting you in every way possible.

Sincerely,

Robert E. Dolan National Chairman

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Young Americans for Freedom Answers to Questions and Request for Documents

1. On what date or dates did Young Americans for Freedom contract to have the the letters printed? For each contract indicate the number of letters ordered and printed.

According to the copy of the direct mail agency generated computer printout provided herein 1,295,711 Block letters were mailed between 7/13/83 and 3/27/84. This updated information should also serve to amend the answers to question #8 in previous interrogatories submitted and dated August 2, 1984. To help answer present question #1 you will find the copies of the purchase orders involved. Such purchase orders contain the number of letters ordered and should be considered in lieu of your request for contracts.

2. Provide the exact dates in which the letters were mailed and indicate how many letters were mailed on each date.

See attached copy of computer printout.

3. What was the cost of each mailing of the letter? Identify the costs by mailing date. If the printing costs and mailings costs were separate, please indicate the amount of each.

The aggregate phase cost as well as that of each mailing is indicated on the enclosed computer printout. The printing costs and mailing costs were not separated for purposes of this information.

4. What was the date on which payments were made for each mailing?

Rather than payments being made for each mailing, it is believed that payments were made for various quantities of various items as designated in the purchase orders. See copies of purchase orders provided.

5. Provide all documentation in your possession including contracts, cancelled checks, bills, or other supporting documents relating to the printing and mailing of the letters and payment for the letters.

As indicated in the attached coverletter, cancelled checks and bills could not be acquired during the holiday season so as to meet your deadline of January 4, 1985. To do so would require a great deal of time and effort sorting through hundreds of cancelled checks and bills covering the extensive period related to this matter. Once again, if after reviewing the answers to the specific questions and the information provided herein you still require this information every effort will be made to comply with your request in a reasonable period of time.

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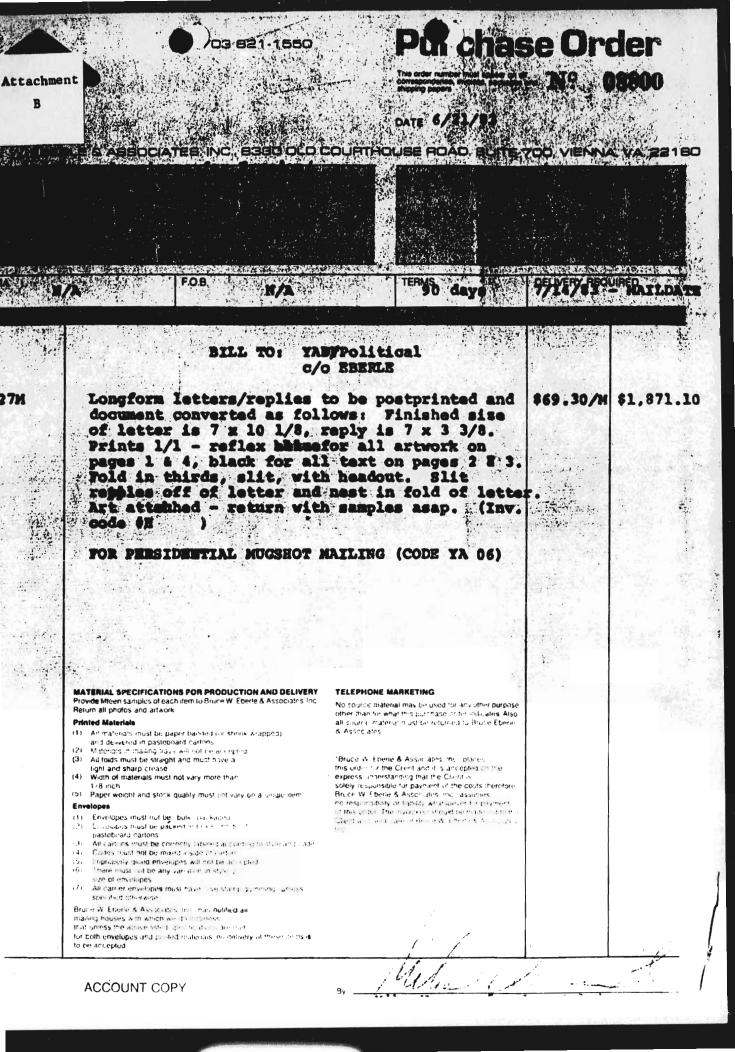
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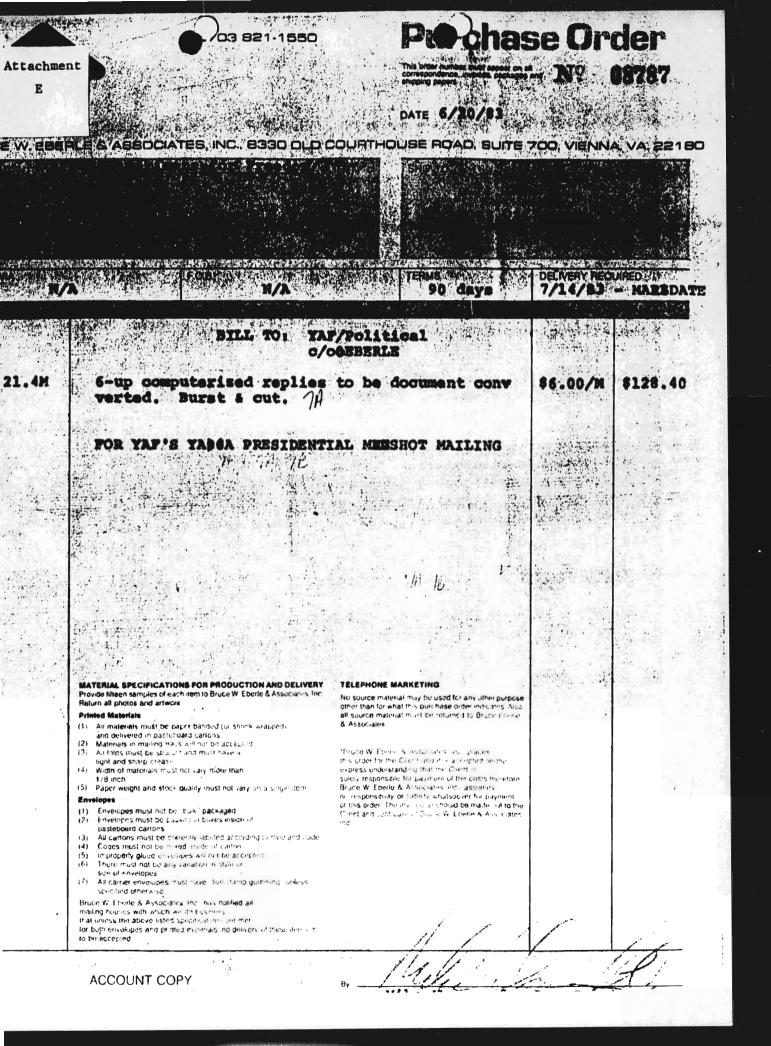
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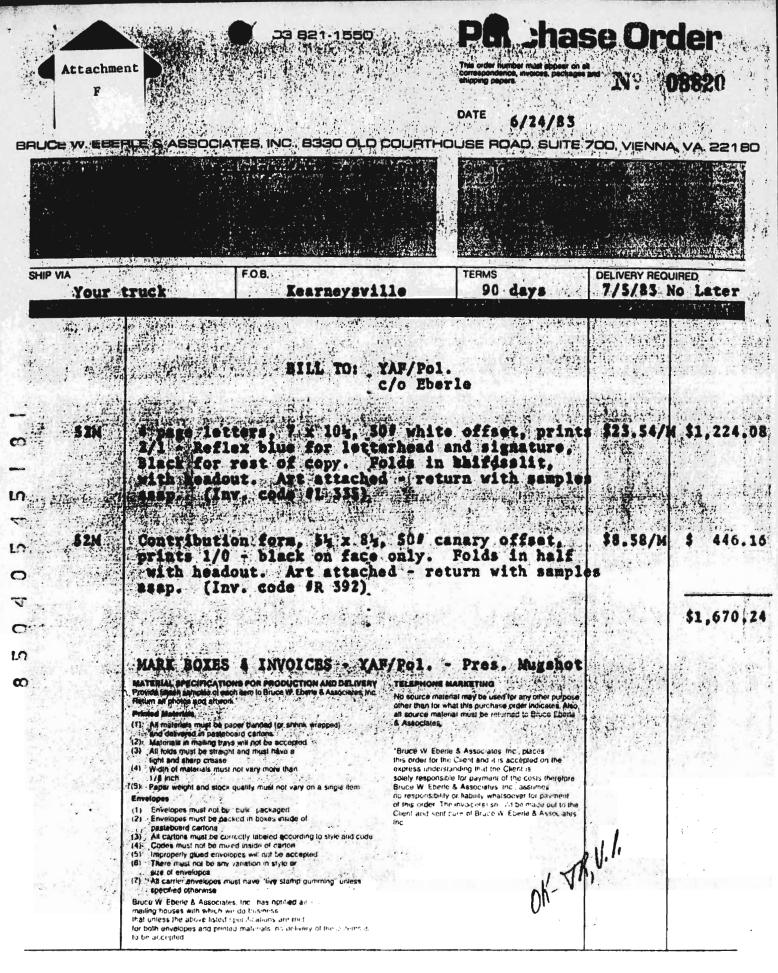
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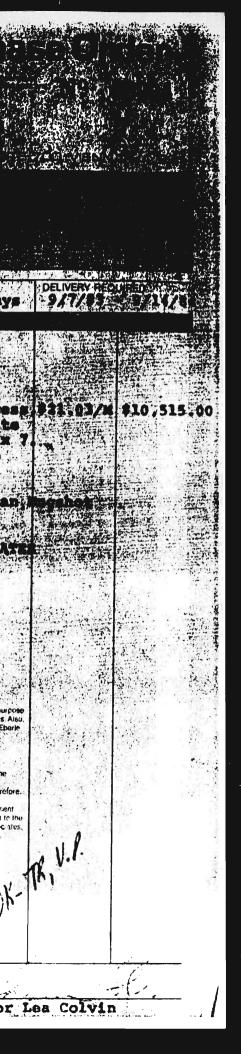
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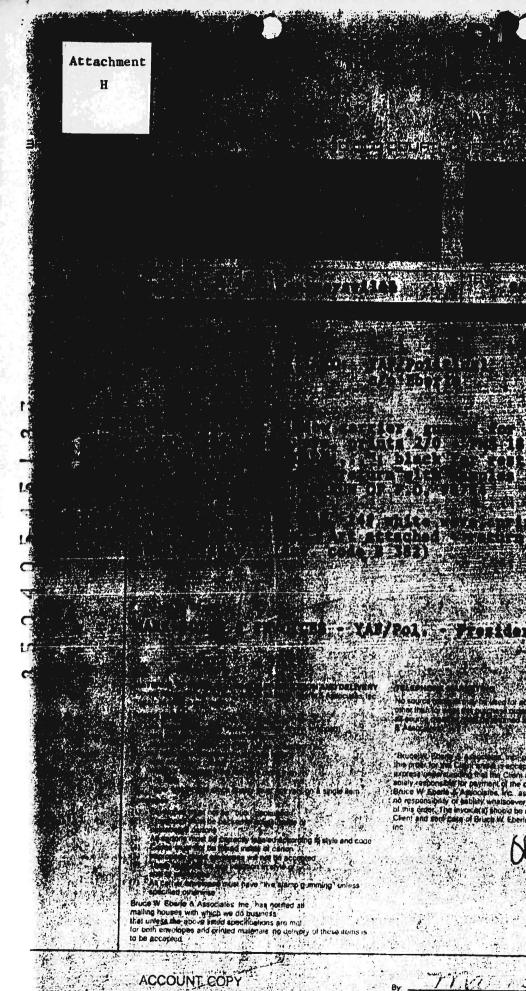


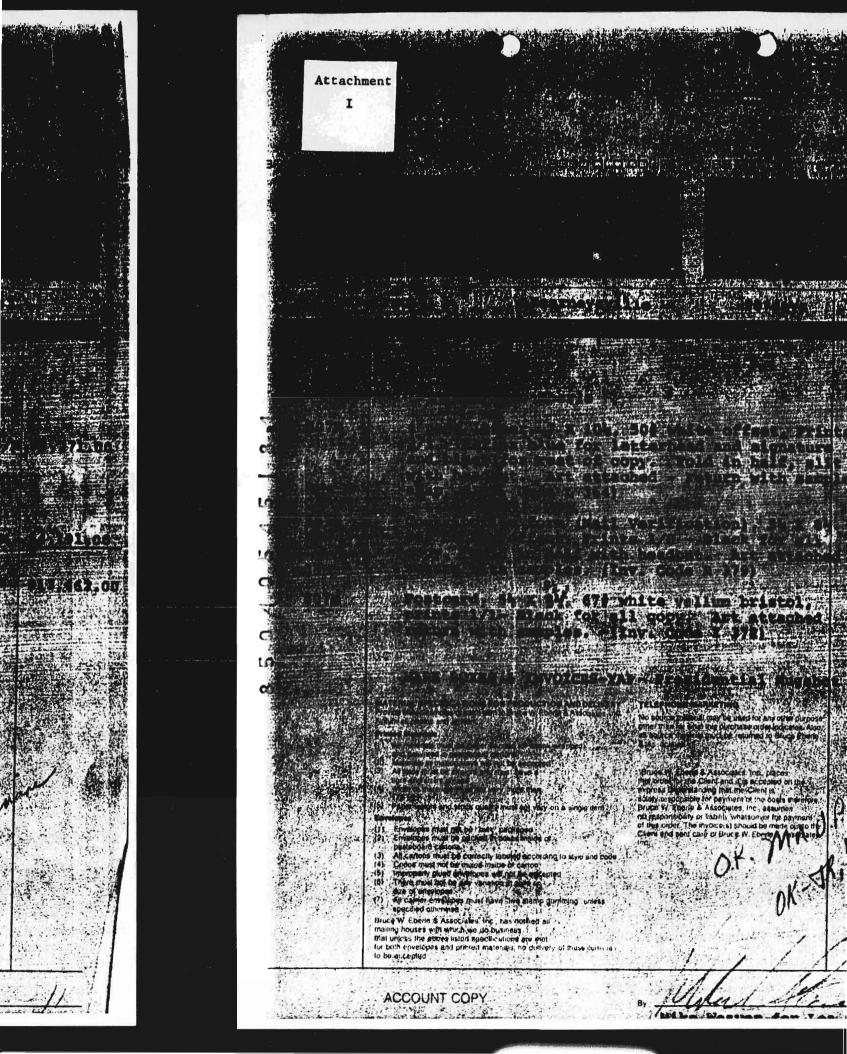


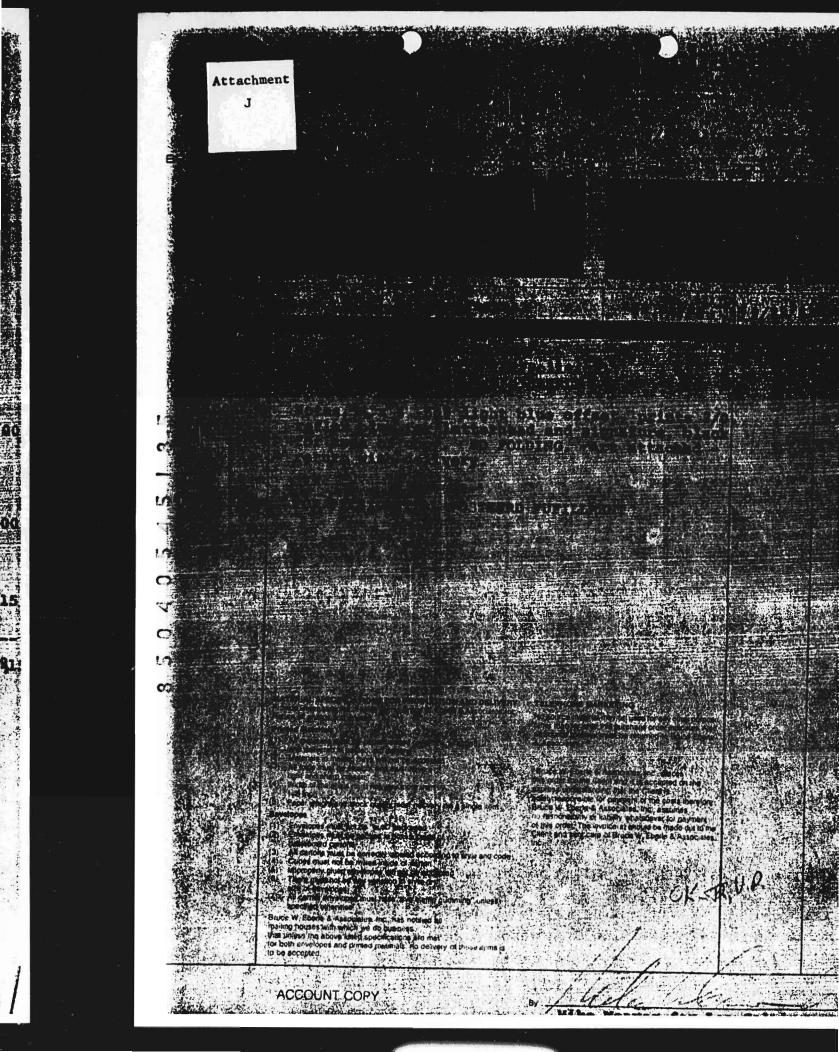
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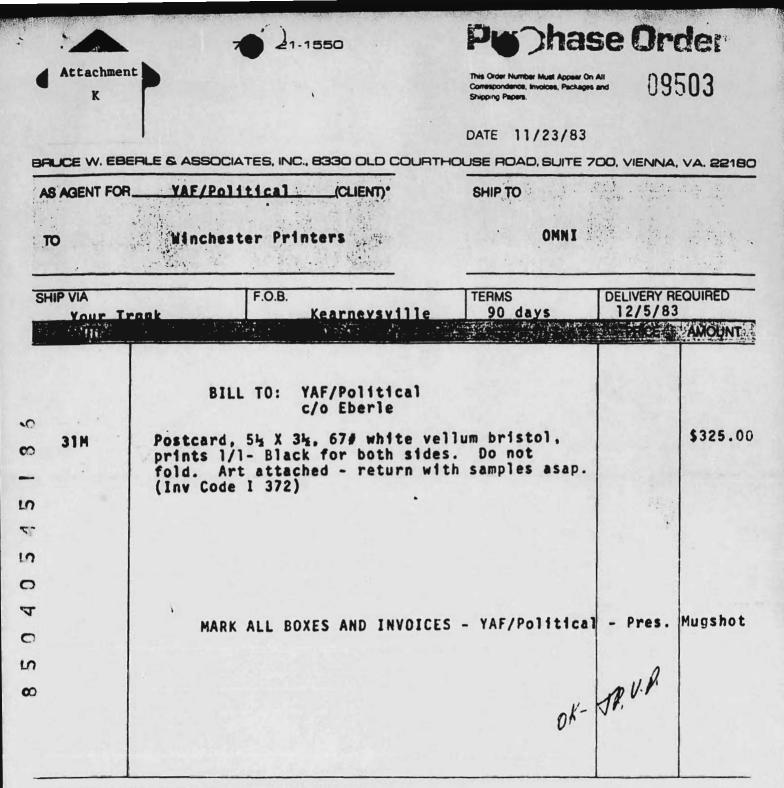
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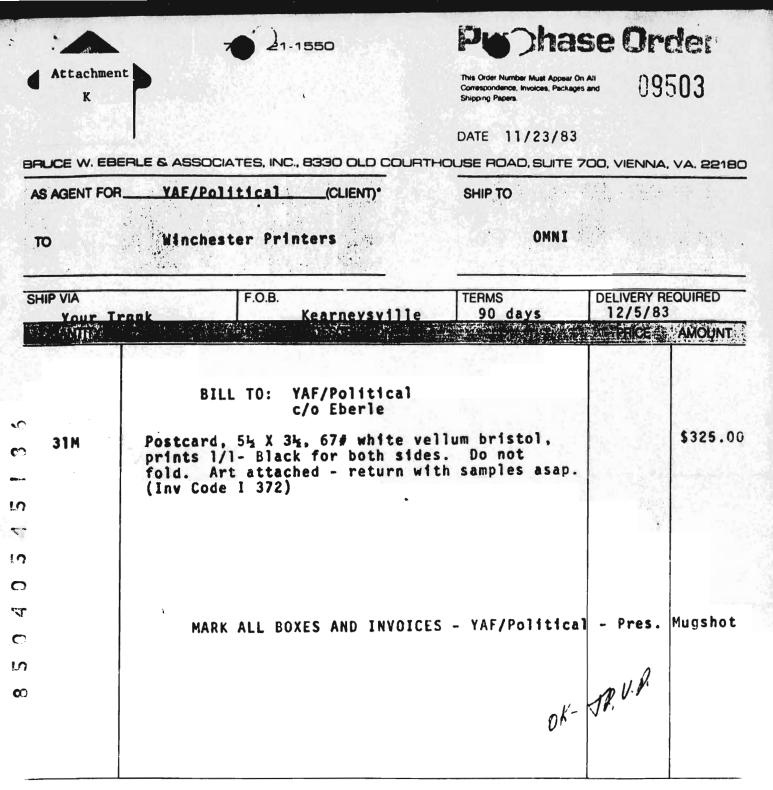
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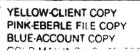
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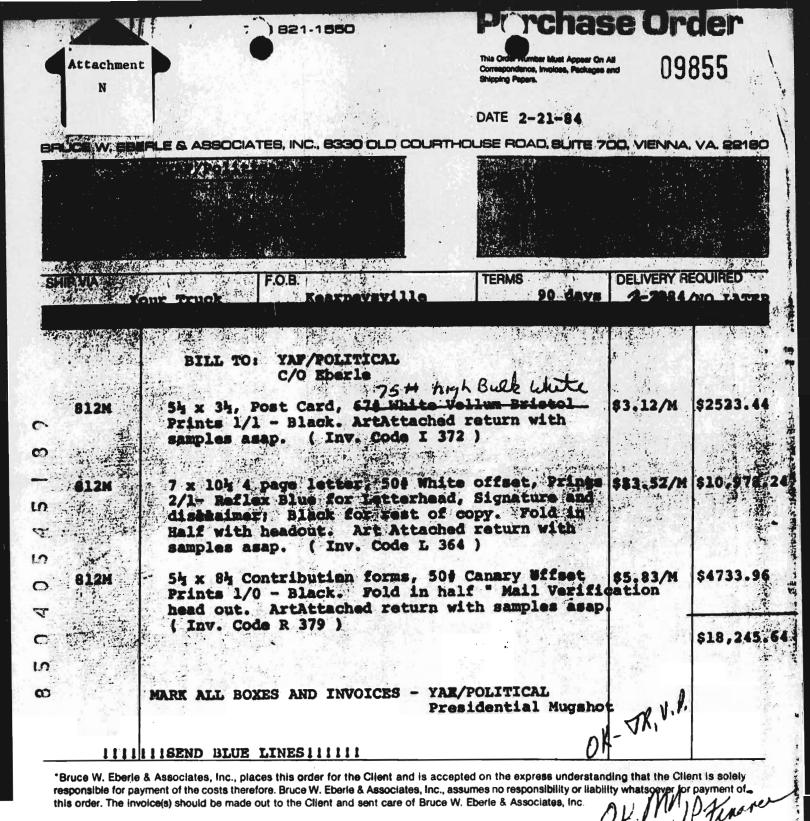
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Mr. Charles N. Steele Office of General Council Federal Election Commission 1325 K Street, Northwest Washington, D.C. 20463

RE: MUR 1707

Dear Mr. Steele:

This letter is in response to your letter dated November 29, 1984 regarding the five (5) questions relating to the "Block Letters" mailed by YAF.

In light of the voluminous quantity of information requested by your office, every attempt has been made to provide forthright and accurate answers to each question. In fact, several answers concerning mail dates, quantities mailed and costs are incorporated into one computer printout (attached) which was generated especially for this purpose.

Given the enormous amount of information requested along with the time required to research back records, some information such as cancelled checks and bills could not be acquired during this holiday season to meet your extended deadline of January 4, 1985.

If after reviewing the information provided herein, you still require the cancelled checks and bills requested in question #5 every effort will be made to comply with your request given a reasonable period of time.

Further, your denial of an additional extension of time requires that the answers to your questions be submitted on this day Friday, January 4, 1985, making it impossible for Terrell Cannon, YAF's Treasurer, to submit these answers under oath at this particular time. However, a copy of this material is being forwarded to him in Nebraska for immediate submittal to you under oath.

NATIONAL CHAIRMAN ROBERT DOLAN Washington, D.C.

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As YAF National Chairman, I hereby submit the answers to your questions per your letter dated November 29, 1984.

We look forward to assisting you in every way possible.

In Sincerely, Robert E. Dolan

National Chairman

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Young Americans for Freedom Answers to Questions and Request for Documents

 On what date or dates did Young Americans for Freedom contract to have the the letters printed? For each contract indicate the number of letters ordered and printed.

According to the copy of the direct mail agency generated computer printout provided herein 1,295,711 Block letters were mailed between 7/13/83 and 3/27/84. This updated information should also serve to amend the answers to question #8 in previous interrogatories submitted and dated August 2, 1984. To help answer present question #1 you will find the copies of the purchase orders involved. Such purchase orders contain the number of letters ordered and should be considered in lieu of your request for contracts.

- 2. Provide the exact dates in which the letters were mailed and indicate how many letters were mailed on each date.
- See attached copy of computer printout.

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3. What was the cost of each mailing of the letter? Identify the costs by mailing date. If the printing costs and mailings costs were separate, please indicate the amount of each.

The aggregate phase cost as well as that of each mailing is indicated on the enclosed computer printout. The printing costs and mailing costs were not separated for purposes of this information.

4. What was the date on which payments were made for each mailing?

Rather than payments being made for each mailing, it is believed that payments were made for various quantities of various items as designated in the purchase orders. See copies of purchase orders provided.

5. Provide all documentation in your possession including contracts, cancelled checks, bills, or other supporting documents relating to the printing and mailing of the letters and payment for the letters.

As indicated in the attached coverletter, cancelled checks and bills could not be acquired during the holiday season so as to meet your deadline of January 4, 1985. To do so would require a great deal of time and effort sorting through hundreds of cancelled checks and bills covering the extensive period related to this matter. Once again, if after reviewing the answers to the specific questions and the information provided herein you still require this information every effort will be made to comply with your request in a reasonable period of time.

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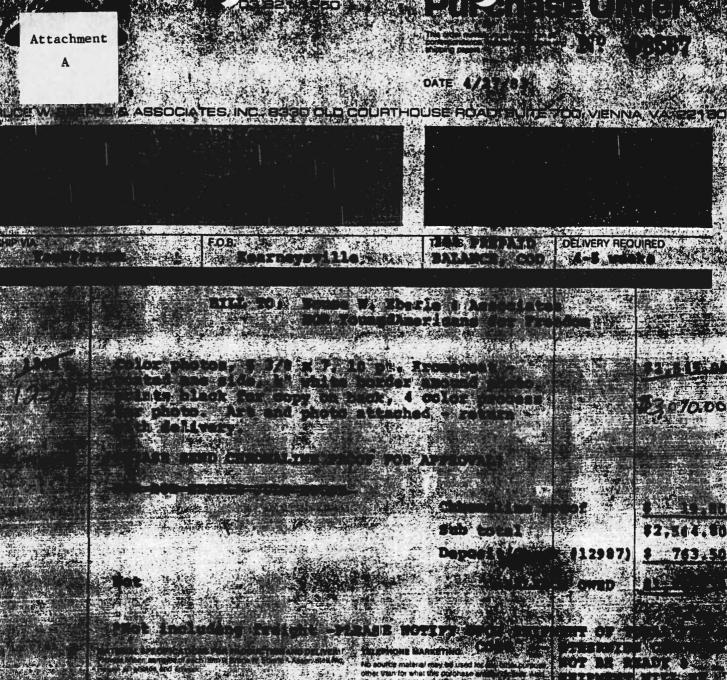
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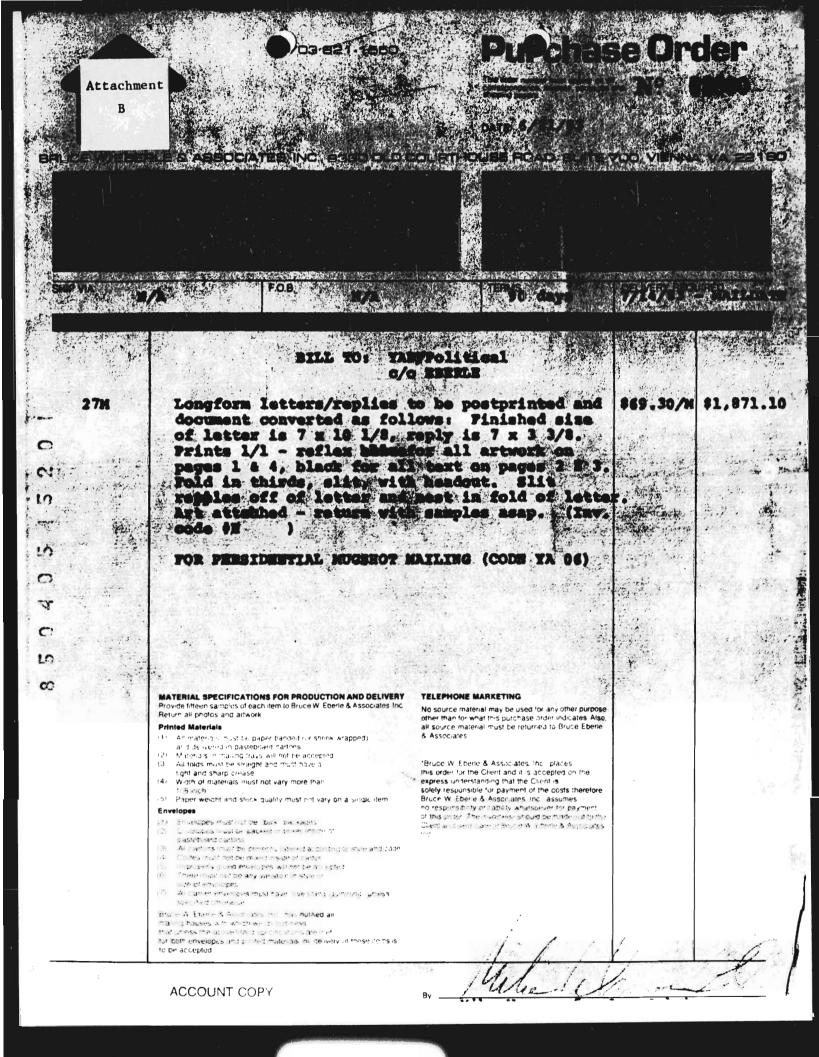
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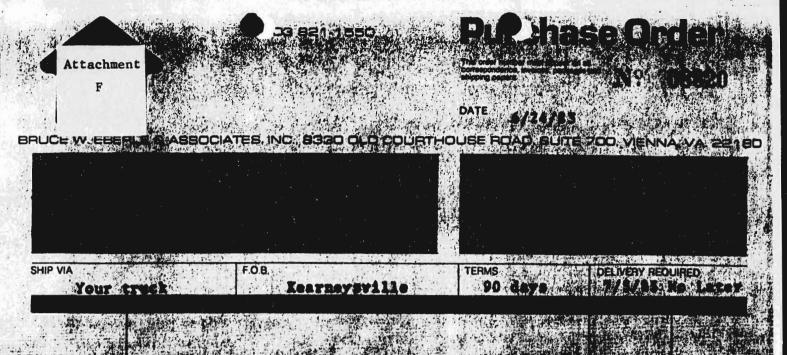
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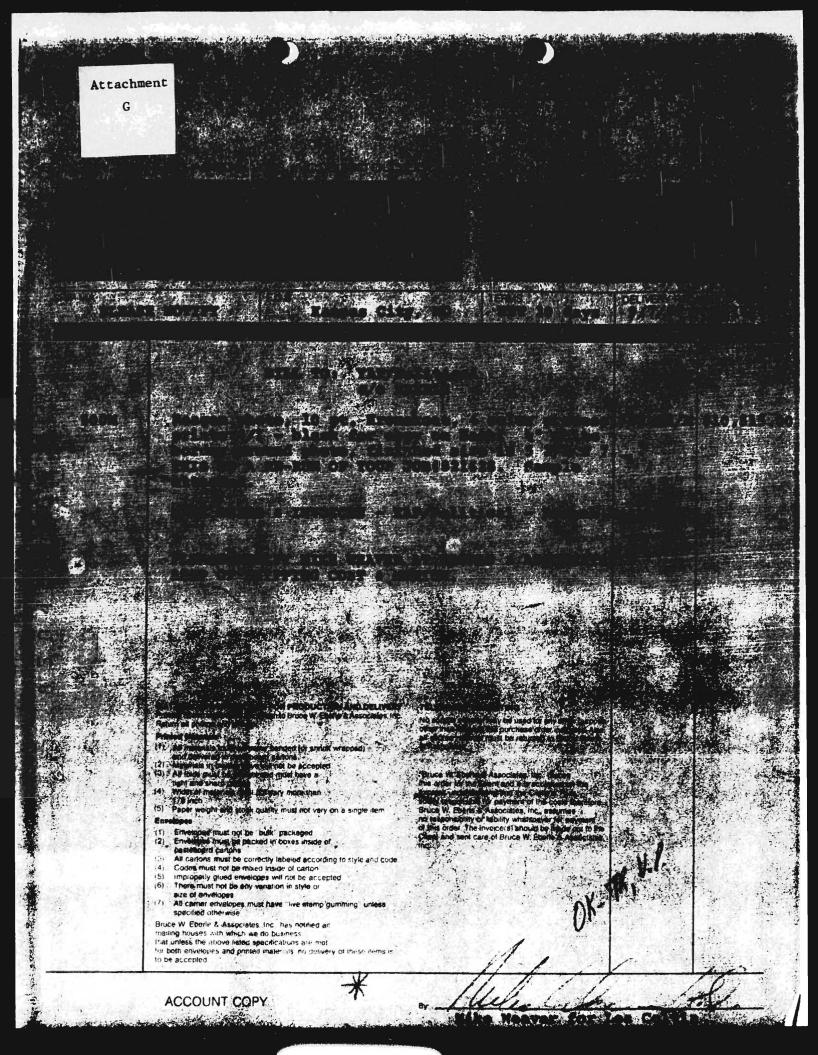
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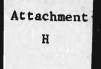
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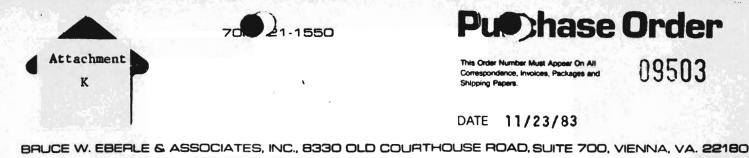
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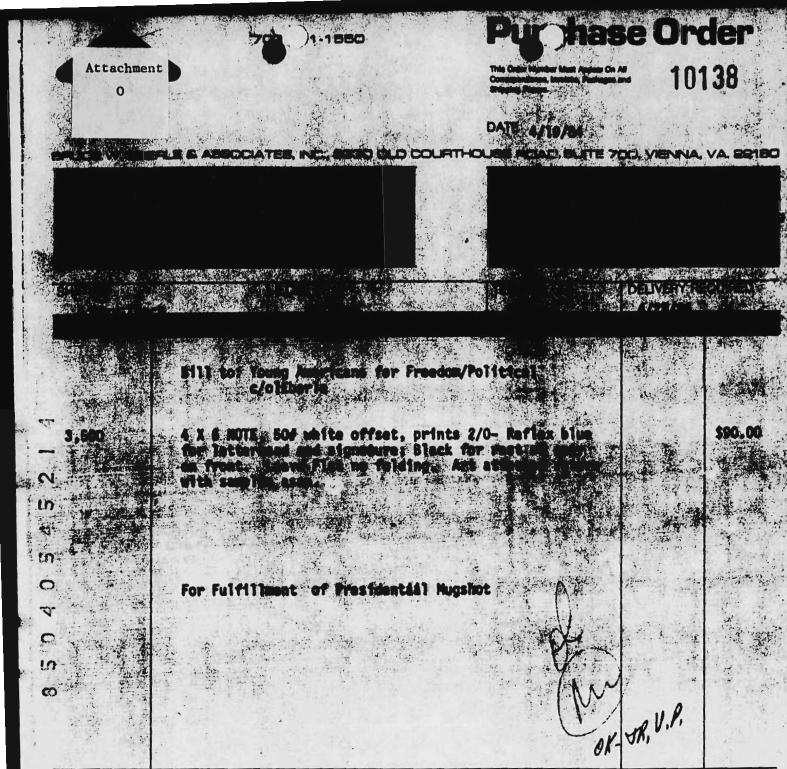
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Mr. Charles N. Steele Federal Election Commission 1325 K Street, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20463

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

December 20, 1984

MacKenzie Canter, III, Esquire Canter, Kent & Sullivan 2020 K Street, NW Suite 350 Washington, DC 20006

RE: MUR 1707

Dear Mr. Canter:

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This letter is in reference to your telephone request of December 18, 1984, for an additional extension of time until the middle or end of January in which to respond to the Commission's request for reports, documents, and answers to interrogatories dated November 29, 1984.

Considering the Commission's responsibilities under 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(8)(A) to act expeditiously on complaints and the circumstances of this matter, we cannot agree to your request for the additional extension of time. Therefore, your response to the Commission's November 29th letter is due no later than the close of the business January 4, 1985.

If you have any questions, please contact Judy Thedford at (202)523-4000.

Sincerely,

Charles N. Steele General Counsel By: (Kenneth A. Gross

Associate General Counsel



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

December 20, 1984

MacKenzie Canter, III Canter, Kent & Sullivan 2020 K Street, N.W. Suite 350 Washington, D.C. 20006

Re: MUR 1707

Dear Mr. Canter:

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This is in reference to your letter dated December 5, 1984, requesting an extension up to and including January 4, 1985, to respond to the Commission's request for the filing of disclosure reports and answers to interrogatories concerning the Block letter.

The Office of General Counsel has received your request and granted you your requested extension. Accordingly, your response will be due on January 4, 1985.

We remind you, however, that Young Americans For Freedom Political Action Committee has had considerable time to prepare and file its reports. Further, it does not appear that the request for answers to interrogatories or production of documents is burdensome. The Commission is required by 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(8) to act on a complaint filed against a respondent in a timely manner. We expect, and are granting this extension based on your assertions, that you will fully comply with the Commission's request for the filing of reports and the answering of questions and production of documents by the January 4, 1985, deadline.

If you have any questions, please contact Judy Thedford at (202) 523-4000.

Sincerely,

Charles N. Steels General Counsel Kenneth A. By: Grøse Associate General Counsel

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> Ms. Judy Thedford Office of General Counsel Federal Election Commission 1325 K Street, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20463

> > Re: MUR 1707 Young Americans for Freedom, Inc.

Dear Ms. Thedford:

Reference is made to your letter of November 29, 1984. This letter requests: (1) certain reports regarding the Young Americans for Freedom Political Action Committee; and (2) answers to certain questions concerning the mailing of the "Block letter."

The letter also requests Terrell Cannon, YAF's treasurer, to answer certain questions and to produce certain documents.

As these requests are rather extensive, we would like to request an extension of time to file all of the aforementioned documents. An extension up to and including January 4, 1985 would be greatly appreciated. Of course, we will file the documents as soon as possible.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call.

Very truly yours 2 MacKenzie Canter, III

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BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

In the Matter of

MUR 1707

Young Americans for Freedom, Inc. Young Americans for Freedom Political Action Committee, Robert E. Dolan, Treasurer

CERTIFICATION

I, Marjorie W. Emmons, Secretary of the Federal Election Commission, do hereby certify that on November 23, 1984, the Commission approved and authorized by a vote of 6-0 the sending of the letter and questions to Young Americans for Freedom and Young Americans for Freedom Political Action Committee, as submitted with the General Counsel's Report signed November 19, 1984.

Commissioners Aikens, Elliott, Harris, McDonald, McGarry and Reiche voted affirmatively in this matter.

Attest:

11-23-84

Date

Jody C. Kanson

Marjorie W. Emmons Secretary of the Commission

Received in Office of Commission Secretary: Circulated on 48 hour tally basis: 11-20-84, 8:39 11-20-84, 11:00



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

November 29, 1984

MacKenzie Canter, III, Esquire Canter, Kent & Sullivan 2020 K Street, N.W. Suite 350 Washington, D.C. 20006

> RE: MUR 1707 Young American for Freedom Political Action Committee Young Americans for Freedom

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Charles N. Steele General Counsel

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Enclosures Questions & Request for Documents

QUESTIONS AND REQUEST FOR DOCUMENTS TO YOUNG AMERICANS FOR FREEDOM, TERRELL CANNON, TREASURER

The Federal Election Commission requests that Young Americans for Freedom, Terrell Cannon, as Treasurer, answer in writing, under oath, within ten days, the following questions and produce the following documents. The questions regarding "the letters" refer to an undated letter sent over the signature of Secretary of Agriculture John R. Block on behalf of Young Americans for Freedom, a copy of which is attached and marked Exhibit A.

- 1. On what date or dates did Young Americans for Freedom contract to have the letters printed? For each contract indicate the number of letters ordered and printed.
- 2. Provide the exact dates on which the letters were mailed and indicate how many letters were mailed on each date.

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- 3. What was the cost for each mailing of the letter? Identify the costs by mailing date. If the printing costs and mailing costs were separate, please indicate the amount of each.
- What was the date on which payments were made for each mailing? (Identify by mailing date).
- 5. Provide all documentation in your possession including contracts, cancelled checks, bills, or other supporting documents relating to the printing and mailing of the letters and payment for the letters.



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John R. Block U.S. Department of Agriculture

PERSONAL BUSINESS

Dear Friend,

On behalf of Young Americans for Freedom, I am pleased to present you with the enclosed official White House photograph of President Ronald Reagan.

I hope that you will accept this picture in appreciation for all the support which you have given to President Reagan.

To verify that you received the enclosed photograph in good condition, I would like to ask you to return the enclosed "Verification" slip to me. If your photo is scratched, folded or otherwise damaged, another copy will be forwarded to you immediately.

So please, if there's anything wrong with the enclosed photo, let me know so that I can see that it is replaced. Thank you.

Oh yes, there is one other thing that you can do, which I think would greatly please President Reagan. As a member of his Cabinet, I know that he would greatly appreciate a personal word of encouragement from you.

Believe me, I know how hard it is to take the bitter attacks which he endures each and every day from the liberals and their allies in the news media. That's why your note of encouragement would mean so much to him.

Use the enclosed postcard (or better yet your own stationary) to tell him in your own words how much you appreciate the job he is doing. Thanks.

Now I'd like to tell you why I personally believe that the next few months are going to be critically important for the future of this country which you and I love.

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The powerful forces arrayed against Ronald Reagan are poised to drive him from the White House in 1984.

The election is going to be a head to head struggle between those who cherish America and Her traditions of freedom versus those who would destroy the American way of life as you and I have known it.

Make no mistake about it, the liberal Democrat who opposes Ronald Reagan for the Presidency will carry forward the same bankrupt policies of high taxes and big spending.

Unlike President Reagan, the Democrats want to centralize more power in Washington, D.C.

Incredibly, they seek a return to the same policies which brought us interest rates in excess of 20% and inflation of more than 13%.

Their answer to the growing threat from Communist Russia is appeasement and unilateral disarmament.

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The choice will be between the return to the failed policies of FDR and Jimmy Carter or the conservative program of Ronald Reagan.

If the issues were presented fairly I believe the American people would overwhelmingly reject liberalism. But unfortunately, Ronald Reagan will be facing a stacked deck.

How can he hope to have his side of the story presented honestly by a biased news media? It just won't happen.

That's why this letter to you is so urgent and extremely important.

Since you and I don't have access to a fair and impartial news media, we must seek another means of presenting the true story to America.

And there is one group that I believe can best accomplish this Herculean effort. That group is

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As President Reagan will tell you himself, there has been no other group as loyal to him and his principles as Young Americans for Freedom.

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When Ronald Reagan was Governor of California he knew that he could always count on the members of YAF to support his policies and programs.

Today, with nearly 100,000 members on 650 college and university campuses, Young Americans for Freedom is ready to spread the message of Ronald Reagan's accomplishments to the American people.

YAF has the troops to promote Ronald Reagan and his programs from coast to coast.

Through literature, news articles, appearances on T.V. and radio talk shows, bumper stickers, posters and debates, YAF members are prepared to bring President Reagan's vital message to loyal Americans.

And on our college campuses YAF members are ready to counter the anti-American and anti-Reagan radicals that breed there.

And, it is my personal view that <u>now</u> is the time for Young Americans for Freedom to take action. Before the liberals are successful in distorting and misrepresenting Ronald Reagan's programs. Before it is too late.

But unfortunately a vital effort such as I've described takes money. Lots of money.

Even a simple news release takes money for printing, postage and envelopes.

And the sad fact is, while the liberals and their myriad of leftist organizations are feeding at the public trough on your tax dollars, the members of Young Americans for Freedom are totally dependent on you and me for support.

And YAF was hard hit by the Democrat's recession. Thousands upon thousands of patriotic young

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men and women are ready to answer the call, but the truth is, the funds simply aren't there to pay for the literature and training sessions which must be held if Ronald Reagan is to succeed.

It's terribly unfair. But it is the situation we face.

That's why I hope you will help today.

Because I know that you love your country deeply, I hope that you will find a way to support these deserving young men and women.

Can you send \$15 today for this special project?

In fact, if you can send much more then I certainly hope that you will.

If you can send \$10,000 do it. Or \$1,000 or \$100.

But, if you could at least send \$15, it would give a tremendous boost to this most worthwhile cause.

I hope that you will support the fine young men and women of Young Americans for Freedom with your dollars.

They need your encouragement and they need your financial help. Won't you please send your check today?

Believe me, the future of our nation is at stake.

Sincerely. 2 Black

John R. Block Secretary Department of Agriculture i la latera i la fe

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

MEMORANDUM

TO:	Office of the Commission Secretary	
FROM:	Office of General Counsel ()	
DATE:	November 20, 1984	
SUBJECT:	MUR 1707 - General Counsel's Report	

The attached is submitted as an Agenda document

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In Matter of

Young Americans for Freedom, Inc.) Young Americans for Freedom) Political Action Committee,) Robert B. Dolan, Treasurer)

GENERAL COUNSEL'S REPORT

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Attached for the Commission's review is a letter informing YAF and YAF-PAC of the Commission determination. Also attached are questions pertaining to the dates the "Block letter" was mailed and the costs of the mailings. The Office of General Counsel recommends that the Commission approve and authorize the sending of the attached letter and questions to WAF and YAF-PAC.

Approve and authorize the sending of the attached 1. letter and questions to Young Americans for Freedom and Young Americans for Freedom Political Action Committee.

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Charles N. Steele General Counsel

By:

Kenneth A. Gross Associate General Counsel

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Attachments: 1) Letter 2) Questions



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

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> RE: MUR 1707 Young American for Freedom Political Action Committee Young Americans for Freedom

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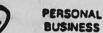
The Federal Election Commission requests that Young Americans for Freedom, Terrell Cannon, as Treasurer, answer in writing, under oath, within ten days, the following questions and produce the following documents. The questions regarding "the letters" refer to an undated letter sent over the signature of Secretary of Agriculture John R. Block on behalf of Young Americans for Freedom, a copy of which is attached and marked Exhibit A.

- 1. On what date or dates did Young Americans for Freedom contract to have the letters printed? For each contract indicate the number of letters ordered and printed.
- 2. Provide the exact dates on which the letters were mailed and indicate how many letters were mailed on each date.
- 3. What was the cost for each mailing of the letter? Identify the costs by mailing date. If the printing costs and mailing costs were separate, please indicate the amount of each.
- 4. What was the date on which payments were made for each mailing? (Identify by mailing date).
- 5. Provide all documentation in your possession including contracts, cancelled checks, bills, or other supporting documents relating to the printing and mailing of the letters and payment for the letters.



John R. Block U.S. Department of Agriculture







Dear Friend,

On behalf of Young Americans for Freedom, I am pleased to present you with the enclosed official White House photograph of President Ronald Reagan.

I hope that you will accept this picture in appreciation for all the support which you have given to President Reagan.

To verify that you received the enclosed photograph in good condition, I would like to ask you to return the enclosed "Verification" slip to me. If your photo is scratched, folded or otherwise damaged, another copy will be forwarded to you immediately.

So please, if there's anything wrong with the enclosed photo, let me know so that I can see that it is replaced. Thank you.

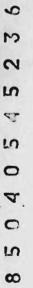
Oh yes, there is one other thing that you can do, which I think would greatly please President Reagan. As a member of his Cabinet, I know that he would greatly appreciate a personal word of encouragement from you.

Believe me, I know how hard it is to take the bitter attacks which he endures each and every day from the liberals and their allies in the news media. That's why your note of encouragement would mean so much to him.

Use the enclosed postcard (or better yet your own stationary) to tell him in your own words how much you appreciate the job he is doing. Thanks.

Now I'd like to tell you why I personally believe that the next few months are going to be critically important for the future of this country which you and I love.

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The powerful forces arrayed against Ronald Reagan are poised to drive him from the White House in 1984.

The election is going to be a head to head struggle between those who cherish America and Her traditions of freedom versus those who would destroy the American way of life as you and I have known it.

Make no mistake about it, the liberal Democrat who opposes Ronald Reagan for the Presidency will carry forward the same bankrupt policies of high taxes and big spending.

Unlike President Reagan, the Democrats want to centralize more power in Washington, D.C.

Incredibly, they seek a return to the same policies which brought us interest rates in excess of 20% and inflation of more than 13%.

Their answer to the growing threat from Communist Russia is appeasement and unilateral disarmament.

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The choice will be between the return to the failed policies of FDR and Jimmy Carter or the conservative program of Ronald Reagan.

If the issues were presented fairly I believe the American people would overwhelmingly reject liberalism. But unfortunately, Ronald Reagan will be facing a stacked deck.

How can he hope to have his side of the story presented honestly by a biased news media? It just won't happen.

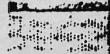
That's why this letter to you is so urgent and extremely important.

Since you and I don't have access to a fair and impartial news media, we must seek another means of presenting the true story to America.

And there is one group that I believe can best accomplish this Herculean effort. That group is

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As President Reagan will tell you himself, there has been no other group as loyal to him and his principles as Young Americans for Freedom.

When Ronald Reagan was Governor of California he knew that he could always count on the members of YAF to support his policies and programs.

Today, with nearly 100,000 members on 650 college and university campuses, Young Americans for Freedom is ready to spread the message of Ronald Reagan's accomplishments to the American people.

YAF has the troops to promote Ronald Reagan and his programs from coast to coast.

Through literature, news articles, appearances on T.V. and radio talk shows, bumper stickers, posters and debates, YAF members are prepared to bring President Reagan's vital message to loyal Americans.

And on our college campuses YAF members are ready to counter the anti-American and anti-Reagan radicals that breed there.

And, it is my personal view that <u>now</u> is the time for Young Americans for Freedom to take action. Before the liberals are successful in distorting and misrepresenting Ronald Reagan's programs. Before it is too late.

But unfortunately a vital effort such as I've described takes money. Lots of money.

Even a simple news release takes money for printing, postage and envelopes.

And the sad fact is, while the liberals and their myriad of leftist organizations are feeding at the public trough on your tax dollars, the members of Young Americans for Freedom are totally dependent on you and me for support.

And YAF was hard hit by the Democrat's recession.

Thousands upon thousands of patriotic young

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men and women are ready to answer the call, but the truth is, the funds simply aren't there to pay for the literature and training sessions which must be held if Ronald Reagan is to succeed.

It's terribly unfair. But it is the situation we face.

That's why I hope you will help today.

Because I know that you love your country deeply. I hope that you will find a way to support these deserving young men and women.

Can you send \$15 today for this special project?

In fact, if you can send much more then I certainly hope that you will.

If you can send \$10,000 do it. Or \$1,000 or \$100.

But, if you could at least send \$15, it would give a tremendous boost to this most worthwhile cause.

I hope that you will support the fine young men and women of Young Americans for Freedom with your dollars.

They need your encouragement and they need your financial help. Won't you please send your check today?

Believe me, the future of our nation is at stake.

Sincerely. R Black John R. Block

Secretary Department of Agriculture

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> Don't forget to let me know whether or not your full color photo of President Reagan arrived in good condition. Remember, if it didn't, I'll make certain that a replacement is shipped immediately. And, if you possibly can, send along a contribution to Young Americans for Freedom for at least \$15. Without your gift, they can't succeed. God bless you.

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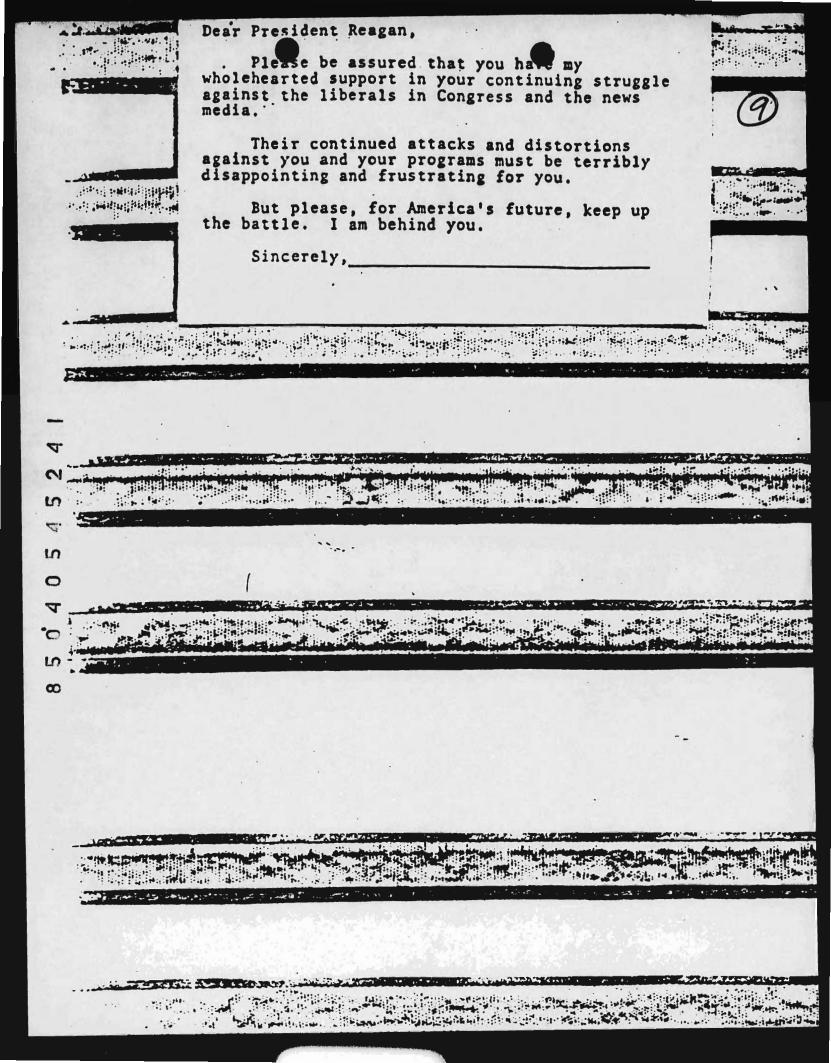
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BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

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Young Americans for Freedom, Inc.) Young Americans for Freedom Political) Action Committee, Robert E. Dolan,) Treasurer MUR 1707

CERTIFICATION

I, Marjorie W. Emmons, recording secretary for the Federal Election Commission executive session of November 14, 1984, do hereby certify that the Commission decided by a vote of 6-0 to decline to enter into pre-probable cause conciliation with Young Americans for Freedom and Young Americans for Freedom Political Action Committee and Robert E. Dolan, as treasurer, until they have filed the reports at issue in MUR 1707.

Commissioners Aikens, Elliott, Harris, McDonald, McGarry, and Reiche voted affirmatively for the decision.

Attest:

11-14-84

Date

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Marjorie W. Emmons Secretary of the Commission



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

MEMORANDUM TO:

CHARLES N. STEELE GENERAL COUNSEL

FROM: DATE: SUBJECT: MARJORNE W. EMMONS JODY C. RANSOM JC/C NOVEMBER 7, 1984

OBJECTIONS - MUR 1707 General Counsel's Report signed November 1, 1984

The above-named document was circulated to the Commission on Friday, November 2, 1984 at 2:00.

Objections have been received from the Commissioners as indicated by the name(s) checked:

Commissioner Aikens	
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This matter will be placed on the Executive Session agenda for Wednesday, November 14, 1984.



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NOVEMBER 6, 1984

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In the Matter of

Young Americans for Freedom, Inc. Young Americans for Freedom Political Action Committee, Robert E. Dolan, Treasurer

GENERAL COUNSEL'S REPORT

I. BACKGROUND

On May 22, 1984, the Commission found reason to believe that Young Americans for Freedom, Inc. ("YAF") violated 2 U.S.C. § 441b(a) and § 441d and Young Americans for Freedom Political Action Committee ("YAF-PAC"), Robert E. Dolan, as treasurer violated 2 U.S.C. § 434. Interrogatories were issued to YAF to which responses were received on August 3, 1984. YAF and YAF-PAC have also requested pre-probable cause concilation.

On August 7, 1984, MUR 1701 was merged into MUR 1707 since both of these matters deal with the same YAF mailing.

II. LEGAL ANALYSIS

A) YAF

The responses to the interrogatories issued to YAF disclosed the following facts:

YAF is a non-profit, non-stock, membership corporation. 1. Copies of YAF's Article of Incorporation and By-Laws were submitted.

2. Currently there are 5,000 members of YAF.*

The mailing in question was used from July 13, 1983, 3. through March 26, 1984.

"/ The solicitation letter by YAF states that there are "nearly 100,000 members on 650 college and university campuses."

4. A total of 1,223,963 letters were mailed. The total cost was \$412,381 and the amount raised was \$510,026. The money raised was used to pay the cost of the mailing and the remainder was applied to administrative costs.

5. YAF paid for all the costs connected with the mailing. The costs were paid from a checking account in the name of Young Americans For Freedom Escrow Account maintained at the George Mason Bank in Fairfax, Virginia.

Before submission of the answers to the interrogatories, YAF requested pre-probable cause conciliation following receipt of the responses. In its cover letter to the Commission enclosing the answers to the interrogatories, YAF noted that the funds being raised by the mailing were being raised for YAF and not for Reagan's re-election. YAF contends that the funds were being raised as part of a membership drive without any intention of expending the funds raised directly for President Reagan's reelection. The respondent also argues that at the time the mailings were being used, July of 1983 through March of 1984, President Reagan's re-election campaign was not active.

A copy of the decision in the <u>Federal Election Commission v.</u> <u>Massachusetts Citizens for Life, Inc</u> was enclosed. YAF feels the decision is pertinent to this matter and contends that YAF is not in violation of 2 U.S.C. § 441b.

2 U.S.C. § 441b(a) prohibits a corporation from making a contribution or expenditure in connection with any election to Federal office.

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It is the General Counsel's recommendation that the YAF letter signed by Secretary Block constitutes an expenditure by YAF in connection with the re-election of President Reagan. In making this recommendation, this Office relies on the language of the YAF letter. The following excerpts reflect that although the letter is soliciting new members for YAF it also makes numerous references to President Reagan's re-election in 1984 and states that the funds raised will be put to that cause. Below are some excerpts which support this position:

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"The powerful forces arrayed against Ronald Reagan are poised to drive him from the White House in 1984."

"The choice will be between the return to the failed policies of FDR and Jimmy Carter or the conservative program of Ronald Reagan."

"As President Reagan will tell you himself, there has been no other group as loyal to him and his principles as Young Americans for Freedom."

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"And on our college campuses YAF members are ready to counter the anti-American and anti-Reagan radicals that breed there."

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An official White House photograph of President Reagan was also enclosed in each letter. The reply card to YAF clearly states that the funds will be used to support the President. The following statement appeared on the reply card:

"I agree the President needs YAF's help to get his message to America. To help YAF I have enclosed my maximum contribution...."

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The reader is clearly given the impression that a contribution to YAF will be to the benefit of President Reagan's re-election in 1984. Nowhere is the contributor given notice that he will become a "member" of YAF.

The respondent also argues that President Reagan's reelection campaign was not active during the time the mailing was being used. The Office of General Counsel disagrees. On October 17, 1983, Reagan-Bush '84 filed a Statement of Organization stating that it was the principal campaign committee of Ronald Reagan for the office of the presidency in 1984. On the same date, Mr. Reagan filed a Statement of Candidacy designating Reagan-Bush '84 as his principal campaign committee. Furthermore, the 1983 Year End Report filed by Reagan-Bush '84 disclosed receipts of approximately 4 million and disbursements of approximately 2 million as of December 31, 1983. The Office of General Counsel concludes therefore that Mr. Reagan's re-election effort was active during the major portion of the time the letter was being used by YAF.

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The Commission also found reason to believe that YAF violated 2 U.S.C. § 441d. 2 U.S.C. § 441d states that whenever any person makes an expenditure for the purpose of financing communications expressly advocating the election or defeat of a clearly identified candidate such communication should include an appropriate notice stating who paid for and authorized the communication.

As noted in the discussion above, for purposes of the Act, President Reagan became a candidate in October 1983. Therefore, any mailings of the YAF solicitation after this date would be "expressly advocating the election of a clearly identified candidate." The Office of General Counsel, therefore, concludes that the mailing should have included the appropriate 2 U.S.C. § 441d notice.

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The Commission found reason to believe that YAF-PAC violated 2 U.S.C. § 434 for failing to file its 1982 Year-End report and 1983 and 1984 reports. Counsel has indicated that YAF has had difficulty in obtaining bank records from two banks, First Virginia Bank and First American Bank, at which YAF-PAC had accounts. Counsel states that these records are needed so that YAF can file out its reports of receipts and expenditures. According to Counsel, the Vice-President of the First Virginia Bank refuses to release any records until the signature of the person who has signature authority over the account is presented. YAF-PAC is unsure of the identity of this person and is trying to locate the individual. Bank records were also requested from First American Bank. A July 31 phone call from YAF-PAC stated that records were being copied at YAF-PAC's expense and hopefully the reports would be complied shortly.

As of this date, no reports have been received.

III. RECOMMENDATION:

 Enter into pre-probable cause conciliation with Young Americans for Freedom and Young Americans for Freedom Political Action Committee and Robert E. Dolan, as treasurer.

2) Approve the attached conciliation agreements.

3) Approve the attached letter.

Mar. 1, 1984

Charles N. Steele General Counsel By: Kenneth A. Gross Associate General Counsel

Attachments I. Response from Respondents (pages 1-52) II. Letter to Respondents (page 53) III. Concilation Agreements (pages 54-61) MACFENZIE CANTER, III. (VA. DC) J. LAURENCE KENT (MD. DC) JAMES P. SULLIVAN (MD. DC) MARK J. DISKIN (DC) VIRGINTA L. CHEUNG (MD. DC)

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July 9, 1984

Ms. Judy Thedford Office of General Counsel Federal Election Commission 1325 K Street, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20463

> RE: MUR 1701 Young Americans for Freedom Political Action Committee, Robert E. Dolan, Treasurer

Dear Ms. Thedford:

Please be advised that, as counsel for Young Americans for Freedom ' Political Action Committee, we are making every possible effort to comply with the filing requirements outlined in the complaint.

However, we are contributing difficulties it gathering the information necessary to file complete and accurate reports. We have requested the relevant information from the financial institutions involved and have asked them to expedite the process. We have requested copies of all bank statements ind acpies of all cancelled checks and deposit receipts if possible and practicable.

As soon as we obtain all the information necessary to complete the reports we will forward them to the Commission.

Very truly yours,

MacKenzie Canter III

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> Judy Thedford, Esquire Federal Election Commission 1325 K Street, N.W. Washington, D.C.

> > Re:

MUR 1707 Young Americans for Freedom, Inc. Woodland Road, P.O. Box 1001 Sterling, Virginia

LAW OFFICES NTER, KENT & SULLIVAN 2020 K STREET, N. W. SUITE 350 WASHINGTON, D. C. 20006

(202) 861-0740

July 11, 1984

Dear Ms. Thedford:

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This letter shall confirm our conversation of yesterday in which the respondent identified above was granted an extension until the end of July, 1984, in which to answer the interrogatories propounded with the notice of complaint.

The respondent was also granted an extension until the end of July to show cause why the Commission should not find reason to believe that a violation of the Federal Election Compaign Act has occurred.

I have enclosed the original designation of counsel form, executed by an officer of the respondent, for your records.

Also, please be advised, at your convenience, following receipt by you of the respondent's answer to interrogatories, the respondent wishes to enter into pre-finding conciliation discussions.

Also, as we discussed, I will alter the interrogatories to show that they are addressed to the Treasurer of the respondent, Mr. Cannon, and not to Mr. Lesley who is no longer an officer of the corporation.

Please call me if you have any questions.

Yours very truly,

MacKenzie Canter, III

MC:mrj Enclosure

cc: Mr. Richard Hahn Mr. Ralph Galliano MARYLAND OFFICE 6341 EXECUTIVE BOULEVARD ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND 20852 (501) 864-1212

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Ms. Judy Thedford Office of General Counsel Federal Election Commission 1325 K Street, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20463

RE: MUR 1707

Young Americans for Freedom Political Action Committee

July 19, 1984

Dear Judy:

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This letter will serve to summarize the items discussed at our meeting of July 16, 1984.

As discussed, a Vice President at First Virginia Bank has refused a request to release the bank records needed to file the reports. He says he needs the signature of a person who has signature authority over the account. We are not sure who has this authority. We will try to locate this person or persons.

If this attempt fails we may have to call upon your office to subpeona the bank records.

We have also requested bank records from the First American Bank.

As you can see, we are making every possible effort to comply with the filing requirements.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call.

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Sincerely,

Dan

Daniel A. Cassano, Esq.



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August 2, 1984

Ms. Judy Thedford Office of General Counsel Federal Election Commission 1325 K Street, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20463

> RE: MUR 1701 for Young Americans for Freedom

Dear Ms. Thedford:

Enclosed please find the answers to interrogatories and request for documents Young Americans for Freedom ("YAF") received from the FEC in a letter dated May 24, 1984. On behalf of YAF, the interrogatories have been answered by Terrell Cannon, Esquire, Treasurer of the Organization.

We would like to point out that in sending the letters at issue, YAF was not attempting to raise funds for the re-election of President Reagan. YAF is a politically conservative organization which supports President Reagan's views and policies. However, the letters were sent as part of YAF's membership drive with no intention of expending any funds raised directly for President Reagan's reelection. Furthermore, at the time the letters were sent, from July of 1983 through March of 1984, President Reagan's re-election campaign was not active.

Also enclosed for your reference is a recent U.S. District Court decision Federal Election Commission v. Massachusetts Citizens for Life, Inc. dated June 29, 1984. We feel that Judge Garrity's decision in that case is pertinent to MUR 1701 and indicates as we contend, that YAF is not in violation of 2 U.S.C. Section 441b.

I would welcome the opportunity to discuss this matter with you further.

Yours very truly, 71

MacKenzie Canter, III

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ANSWERS TO INTERROGATORIES AND REQUEST FOR DOCUMENTS FROM TERRELL CANNON, ESQUIRE, TREASURER OF YOUNG AMERICANS FOR FREEDOM, INC.

Terrell Cannon, Esquire, Treasurer of Young Americans for Freedom, hereby responds to the interrogatories and request for documents as follows:

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State your name, address and principal place of business.

Terrell Cannon, Esquire, 3141 Prarie Road, Lincoln, Nebraska 68506. My principal place of business is in Lincoln, Nebraska.

List your position, duties and responsibilities with Young Americans for Freedom.

I am Treasurer of Young Americans for Freedom, Inc. (hereinafter referred to as "YAF"). As Treasurer, I oversee the care and custody of YAF's funds and the its receipts and disbursements.

3.

Describe the form of organization that Young Americans for Freedom represents (e.g., corporation, corporation without capitol stock, membership organization).



YAF is a non-profit, non-stock, membership corporation.

If applicable, provide copies of the articles of incorporation and bylaws pertaining to Young Americans for Freedom.

Copies of the Organization's articles of incoproration and by-laws are enclosed.

If your answer to question 3, above, is membership organization, state the requirements of membership in the Young Americans for Freedom. If the requirements are in writing, provide a copy of the materials in which the requirements appear.

Pursuant to Section 4 of the Bylaws, the membership requirements for YAF are as follows:

a) an individual who is an American citizen; and

b) agrees with the organization's beliefs as outlined in

Article 3, Section 1 of the by-laws, copy attached.

Any individual 39 years of age or younger who meets membership requirements and pays annual dues qualifies as a member of YAF. Any individual over the age of 39 who meets the membership requirements and pays annual dues is designated Associate member.

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The membership requirements are listed in Article Four of the enclosed copy of YAF's By-laws.

If your answer to question 3, above, is membership organization, state the number of individuals who are currently members of Young Americans for Freedom.

Currently, there are approximately 5000 members of YAF.

7. On what date or dates was the letter mailed?

The mailings occurred from July 13, 1983 until March 26, 1984.

How many of the letters were mailed?

A total of 1,223,963 letters were mailed during the above-referenced time period.

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To whom were the letters mailed? (e.g., general public, members, stockholders, executive and administrative personnel of Young Americans for Freedom)



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The letters were mailed to those persons and entities who have made contributions to conservative causes in the past.

State who paid for all costs in connection with the mailing of the letter. In this connection, please identify each account from which disbursements were made including the account number, the name and address of the finiancial institution at which the account is or was maintained, the name of the account and the type of the account.

YAF paid for all costs connected with the mailings.

Disbursements for such costs were made from the Young Americans for Freedom Escrow Account, account number 14001, located at George Mason Bank, 11185 Main Street, Fairfax, Virginia 22030. This account is a checking account.

What was the total cost expended in the mailing of the letter (stationery, printing, postage, mailing list, etc.)?

The total costs incurred in connection with the mailings were \$412,381.00.

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What amount of money was received as a result of the mailing of the

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The total of \$510,026.00 was received in response to the mailings.

How was the money used which was received as a result of the mailing of the letter?

The funds received as a result of the mailings were applied to cover the costs of the mailings with the remainder held by YAF and applied to administrative costs.

Provide the names and addresses of the officers, employees or agents of Young Americans for Freedom who were involved in the sending of the letter (excluding the names and addresses of clerical staff).

a) Sam Pimm

394 East Saddle River Road Upper Saddle River, New Jersey 07458

b) Jim Lacy

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State of DELAWARE

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I, Glenn C. Kenton, Secretary of State of the State of Delaware, do hereby certify that the attached is a true and correct copy of Certificate of <u>Incorporation</u>

filed in this office on _____March 28, 1961_____



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CERTIFICATE OF INCOMPORATION

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SECOND: Its principal office in the State of Delaware is located at NJ. 100 West Teath Street in the City of Wilmington, County of New Cratle: The name and address of its resident agent is THE CORFORATION TOUST COMPANY, No. 100 West Seath Street, Wilmington 99, Delaware.

THIRA: Young Americans for Freedom, Inc. is a <u>men-profit</u>, non-sectarian, voluntary membership corporation. The objects or purposes to be promoted or carried on are:

1. To maintain an organization for you. American people who believe in the following:

> That foremost emong the transcendent values in the individual's use of his Godgiven free will, whence deriven his right to be free from the restrictions of arbitrary force;

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3. To carry on all activities, both locally and nationally, by way of discussion and assembly that may be necessary to achieve and maintain the political realization of the beliefs stated in Paragraph 1 hereof.

In furtherance of, and not in limitation of the general powers conferred by the laws of the State of Delawars, and the objects and purpeses herein set forth, it is empressly provided that this corporation shall also have the following powers, viz:

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Acting through its Poard of Directors, its follows: Chairman and other officers, subject to the parameter' restrictions of this Sertificate of Incorporation, but its hy-Laus, to do all such note as any necessary on a likely to the attainment of the objects and purposes height such forth, and to the same extent and as fully as soy noteral person might or could do.

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In general, to have all powers conferred agener corporation by the laws of the State of Delaware, except as harein prohibited, or forbidden by the Py-Laws of this corporation.

FORSTH: The corporation shall not have any capital stock, and the conditions of mumbirship shall us stated in the My-Laws of the corporation.

FIFTH: The names and places of residence of the incorporators, are as follows:

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TENTH: the corporation reserves the right to awand, alter, change or repeal any provision contained in whis Certificate of Incorporation, in the same rest or . hereafter presents d by statute, and all state events of upon memoers herein are granted subject to this concretion.

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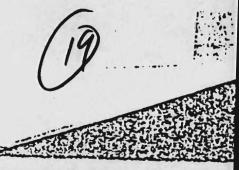
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YOUNG AMERICANS FOR FREEDOM, INC.

ARTICLE ONE - NAME

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Section 1. The name of this Corporation shall be Young Americans for Freedom, Inc.

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ARTICLE TWO - SEAL

Section 1. The seal of the Corporation shall be circular in form and shall bear the name of the Corporation, the year of its organization and the words, "Corporate Seal, Delaware."

ARTICLE THREE - FURPOSES

Young Americans for Freedom is a non-profit, non sectarian, non-partisan, voluntary membership Corporation. The objects or purposes to be promoted or carried on are:

Section 1. To instruct, train, invorm and educate the public on current national and local issues on subjects beneficial to the community consistent with and for the promotion of the principles outlined in the Sharon Statement (see below). In so doing, through public discussion groups, forums, panels, lectures and other similar programs through mail or on radio or television, an effort will be made to present a sufficiently full and fair exposition of the pertinent facts to permit an individual or the public to form an independent opinion or conclusion.

The Sharon Statement

That foremost among the transcendent values is the individual's use of his God-given free will, whence derives his right to be free from the restrictions of arbitrary force;

That liberty is indivisible, and that political freedom cannot long exist without economic freedom;

That the purposes of government are to protect these freedons through the preservation of internal order, the provision of national defense, and the administration of justice;

That when government ventures beyond rightful functions, it accumulates power which tends to diminish order and liberty;

That the Constitution of the United States is the best arrangement yet devised for impowering government to fulfill its proper role, while restraining it from the concentration and abuse of power;

That the genius of the Constitution—the division of powers—is summed up in the clause which reserves primacy to the several states, or to the people, in those spheres not specifically delegated to the Federal government;

That the market economy, allocating resources by the free play of supply and demand, is the single economic system compatible with the requirements of personal freedom and constitutional government, and that it is at the same time the most productive supplier of human need;

That when the government interferes with the work of the market economy it tends to reduce the moral and physical strength of the nation; That when it takes from one man to bestow on another, it diminishes the incentive of the first, the integrity of the second, and the moral automomy of both;

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That we will be free only so long as the national sovereignty of the United States is secure; that history shows periods of freedom are rate, and can exist when free citizens concertedly defend their tights against all enemies; That the forces of international communism are, at present, the greatest single threat to these liberties; That the United States should stress victory over, rather than co-existence

with, this menance; and

That American foreign policy must be judged by this criterion: Does it serve the just interests of the United States?

Section 2. To promote social welfare and individual freedom; to study on a nonpartisan basis proposed legislation by the Congress of the United States, State Legislatures or local governing bodies, or other governmental bodies or agencies affecting social and economic problems facing individuals; to support an allian of citizens interested in preserving and enhancing individual freedom for all Americans to support, propose or oppose such proposals affecting the individual

Section 3. To encourage the holding of regular public meetings by the national organization and local chapters for the presentation of panel discussions, lect film presentations or other educational material. In addition, VAF's education literature (books, articles, pamphlets, issue papers, etc.) will be distributed and made available to the public, with the objective of getting the widest poss audience. Through the national, regional and local chapter organizations, to m available, from time to time, additional educational literature, tapes, films a other research materials, to aid in obtaining quality speakers, public official business, journalistic and academic leaders; to maintain an ongoing contact wit all members and supporters relating to membership information, educational progand activities, and ideas for new research and activist educational civic progand projects; and to raise the needed money through direct mail and other solid tations to finance these activities, educational programs and projects, etc.

Section 4. To sponsor, from time to time, national, regional and local seminar public meetings, conducted by lecturers, speakers and panels from various other organizations for the purpose of educating the public and providing local form for alerting the public to legislative and other governmental actions imminent planned or already operative, in promotion of the principles outlined in the 3 statement (see above).

Section 5. To provide aid and information to students and such young people : out the nation who may desire it to assist them in achieving and maintaining : political realization of the beliefs stated in Section 1. of this Article.

ARTICLE FOUR-MENBERSHIP

<u>Section 1.</u> Any individual who is an American citizen, no older than 39 years of age and in agreement with the beliefs stated in Article Three, Section 1 of these By-Laws, may become a member of Young Americans for Freedom, Inc., upon completion of a membership form and payment of annual dues to the National Office.

Section 2. Any individual who is over 39 years of age, who is an American citizen and in agreement with the beliefs as stated in Article Three, Section 1 of these By-Laws may become an associate member of Young Americans for Freedom, Inc., upon completion of a membership form and payment of annual dues to the National Office.

Section 3. The National Chairman may refuse to accept an application for membership from, or suspend the membership or any individual who engages in activities which constitute anti-semitism, racism, facism, communism, religious discrimination or which are contrary to the interests of Young Americans for Freedom. The National Chairman's action under this section shall be subject to review by the Policy Committee. All powers granted in this section to the National Chairman or the Policy Committee are also granted to the Board of Directors and any decision of the Policy Committee shall be subject to review by the Board of Directors. All such action shall be communicated to the Board of Directors and to the individual concerned and the membership shall be revoked twenty (20) days after such communication, unless the member involved or any director shall object, in which case such action shall be final only upon approval of a 2/3 vote by the Board of Directors

Section 4. No personal benefits shall inure any member, director, or officer of the Corporation except that reasonable compensation may be paid for or on behalf of the Corporation.

Section 5. Each member and associate member of the Corporation shall pay dues in amounts to be established by action of the Board of Directors.

Section 6. Any member may terminate his membership by written resignation at any time.

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ARTICLE FIVE-BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1. All powers of the Corporation shall be exercised by the Board of Directors who may delegate to officers and to committees of their own number such powers as they may see fit in addition to such powers as are specified in these By-Laws.

Section 2. The number of Directors which shall constitute the whole Board shall not exceed twenty-five (25).

Section 3. The Board of Directors shall elect from among the membership of the Corporation, seven (7) individuals who shall serve as Directors of the Corporation for a term of two (2) years and until their successors have been elected and qualified. They shall be elected at least sixty (60) days prior to the National Convention.

Section 4. The members of the Corporation within the Regions shall elect biennially a Director from each Region for a term of two (1) years, provided that Directors elected in this manner in 1977 shall serve only until new elections are held in the first 5 months of 1973. Thereafter, these elections shall be in the first 5 months of even numbered years.

<u>Section 5.</u> The National Convention delegates shall elect among the membership of the Corporation, nine (9) individuals who shall serve as . Directors of the Corporation for a term of two (2) years.

<u>Section 6.</u> To be eligible for election to the Board of Directors, under section 4 or 5 or this Article 5, a candidate must have been on the record dat set for election pursuant to Article Thirteen, section 2, a Chapter Chairman, State Chairman, a member of the State Executive Committee, a Regional Representative, or a National Director.

Section 7. The Board of Directors shall meet at least twice a year at the cal of the Chairman or a majority of the Policy Committee, and at a time and place specified in the call. Notice of all regular meetings shall be mailed to each director dot less than twenty one (21) days prior to the date of the meeting.

<u>Section 3.</u> On the written petition of eight (8) members of the Board of Dires such petition to be submitted to the National Chairman, the Board shall meet at the National Office of the Corporation not less than five (5) days nor more than fifteen (15) days after receipt of said petition by the National Chairman, to discuss and vote upon the specific issues raised by such petities

Section 9. At all meetings of the Board of Directors, one-third of the sember ship of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum.

Section 10. Any vacancies occuring on the Board of Directors may be filled by a majority vote of the Directors then in office.

Section 11. No individual employed as a full-time regularly salaried employe

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of Young Americans for Freedom, Inc., or any regional unit thereof, may serve as an officer or director of the Corporation, provided that nothing herein shall prohibit temporary employment not exceeding 3 months in any ... 12 month period.

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Section 12. Any Director may terminate his membership on the Board by written resignation at any time.

Section 13. A director may be removed from the Board for just cause by twothirds vote of those Directors present and voting at any officially constitute meeting of the Board, provided that twenty-one (21) days notice of such proposed action is given to the members of the Board. In cases of temoval, th action of the Board shall be final.

Section 14. All members of the Board shall serve from the time of their election until their successors are elected (all other provisions of these By-Laws to the contrary notwithstanding.)

Section 15. The Board of Directors may hold their meetings and keep, the books of the Corporation outside of the State of Delaware.

Section 16. Notice of any meeting of the Board of Directors need not be given to any Director if it be waived by him in writing, whether before or after such meeting is held, or if he is present at such meeting, except where a Director attends a meeting for the express purpose of objecting to the transaction of business because the meeting is not lawfully called or convened; and any meeting of the Board shall be a legal meeting without notice thereof havin been given, if all of the Directors are either present thereat or waive notice thereof.

Section 17. Any action which may be taken by the Board of Directors may be taken without a meeting if a consent in writing, setting forth the action so be taken, shall be signed by all the Directors. Such consent shall have the same effect as a unanimous vote.

Section 18. No notice shall be required for the organizational meeting of the Board of Directors which shall be held immediately after the election of Board members by the National Convention.

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ARTICLE SIX-OFFICERS

Section 1. The general officers of the Corporation shall be the Mational Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary, and Treasurer, who must be members of the Board of Directors.

<u>Section 2.</u> The National Chairman shall be elected by the National Convention delegates for a two (2) year term subject to removal for just cause by an affirmative vote of three-fourths (3/4) of the entire Board of Directors. He must previously, and at the time of his election, be a member of the Board. The other general officers shall be elected by the Board of Directors for a two (2) year term, subject to the removal from their offices but not from the Board of Directors. All general officers shall be elected at the organizational meeting of the Board of Directors, or at Adjournments or continuances thereof. They shall serve until the election of their successors.

Section 3. The National Chairman shall be the Chairman of the Board of Directo senior officer of the Corporation, and shall determine the policy and have general supervision of the affairs of the Corporation subject to the Hirection of the Board of Directors. The National Chairman shall preside at all meetings of the Corporation, Board of Directors, and Policy Committee. He shall appoint subject to the approval of the Board of Directors, all committees, temporary or standing. He shall see that all books, records, reports and certificates as required by law are properly filed or kept, and he shall have sole authority to contract for professional personnel to assist with such matters. He shall have authority to exercise the powers granted by Article Seventeen, Section Che of these By-Laws, and he shall be one of the officers who may sign chacks or drafts of the Corporation provided that such drafts or checks are also signed by one other person authorized by the Board of Directors.

Section 4. The Vice-Chairmen shall serve as Chairman in case of the disability illness, death or absence of the Chairman, until a successor is elected.

Section 5. The Secretary shall attend all meetings of the Board of Directors and Policy Committee; shall record all of the proceedings and votes of these meetings, and may sign the notices of the meetings thereof. The Secretary, shall keep the minutes and records of the Corporation in appropriate books. It shall be the duty of the Sacretary to file any certificate required by any statute, federal or state. He shall give and serve all notices to members of the Corporation, shall perform, in general, the duties incident to the offic of Secretary subject to control of the National Chairman, Board of Directors, and the provisions of the By-Laws. The Secretary shall be one of the officers authorized to sign checks or drafts of the Corporation provided that such draft or checks are also signed by one other authorized Director.

Section 6. The Treasurer shall have the care and custody of the corporation funds and securities and shall keep full and accurate accounts of the receipts and disbursements of all monies received and paid by him on account of the Corporation; he shall exhibit such books of account and records to any of the Directors at any time upon request at the office of the Corporation and shall render a detailed statement to the Directors as often as they shall require it. He shall cause to be deposited in such regular business bank or trust com as the Board of Directors may authorize the funds of the Corporation.

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Section 7. If a vacancy shall occur in any office of the Corporation, the ... Board of Directors shall elect a successor to complete the unexpired term.

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Section 1. The Policy Committee shall consist of the National Chairman, Vice-Chairman, the Treasurer, the Secretary, and three members at large elected by the Board of Directors from its own membership. At meetings of the Policy Committee, the National Chairman shall preside, or in his absence, the Vice-Chairman, or a chairman protempore elected by the Cormittee Section 2. The Policy Committee shall have the power, when the Board of Directors is not in session; to take any action within the power of the Board, except upon such matters as may be by law, or these By-Laws, require action except upon such matters as may de by law, of these by-laws, require action by the Board of Directors itself. Notice of all actions taken by the Policy Committee shall be given to all members of the Board of Directors. Section 3. All decisions of the Policy Committee shall be subject to subsequent ratification by the Board of Directors. Section 4. Meetings of the Policy Committee may be called by the National Chairman or shall be called by the Secretary at the request of any two members of the Committee Notice of all Policy Committee meetings shall be mailed to each member of the Committee not less than seven (7) days prior to the date of the meeting of the seven (7) days prior to the date of the neeting Section 5. A quorum for the Policy Com ttee shall be five (5) members.

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ARTICLE EIGHT-STANDING COMMITTEES

Section 1. The Chairman of standing committees, approved by the Board of Directors, may be selected from inside or outside the Board of Directors.

Section 2. There shall be an Advisory Board. The Advisory Board and its Chairman shall be appointed by the National Chairman subject to approval of the Board of Directors. Prominent individuals may be invited to serve on the Advisory Board. Such members will serve only in an advisory capacity with no voting privileges.

Section 3. The Chairman shall appoint, subject to the approval of the loard of Directors, the editor of THE NEW GUARD, the official publication of Young Americans for Freedom, Inc.

ARTICLE NINE--REGIONS

Section 1. For organizational purposes, geographic regions shall be established by resolution of the Board of Directors.

Section 2. The National Chairman may appoint a regional representative of the Corporation in each Region to be known by that title. Such appointment must be approved by a majority of the members of the Board of Directors from that Region. The duties of such representatives shall be prescribed by the National Chairman and he shall carry out his duties under the supervision of the National Executive Director.

ARTICLE TER--STATE CRGANIZATIONS

Section 1. The Corporation has the obligation of establishing state organizations for the purpose of building local chapters and coordinating state projects.

Section 2. The National Chairman, after consultation with appropriate national, state, and local leadership of Young Americans for Freedom shall appoint all state chairman subject to review by the Board of Directors. Each state chairman shall serve for a term of six months, subject to removal by national chairman for cause. State chairman shall be elizible for reappointment.

Section 3. The State Chairman shall have general supervision of the affairs of the Corporation in his state consistent with the National Policies of Young Americans for Freedom. The State Chairman shall appoint all other officers of the state organization, including the members of the State Emacutive Committee who shall serve at his pleasure. He may not authorize the election of an officer or official of Young Americans for Freedom unless such election is authorized by these By-Laws.

Section 4. The Board of Directors may, by resolution, establish duties to be performed by the State Chairman.

Section 5. In no event shall the Corporation be liable for debts incurred by State organizations or officers.

Section 6. Under no circumstances may a state organization incorporate under the laws of its state.



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ARTICLE ELEVEN-CHAPTERS

Section 1. The Corporation may charter local chapters which shall carry out, subject to the direction of the State Chairman, activities within its own area directed toward furthering the purposes of Young Americans for Freedom, Inc. No chapter may engage in activities which constitute antisemitism, racism, facism, communism, religious discrimination or anything contrary to the Sharon Statement, in conflict with the National By-Laws, or contrary to the interests of Young Americans for Freedom.

Section 2. Five (5) or more members of Young Americans for Freedem, Inc. may apply to the National Office for a charter as a chapter of Young , Americans for Freedem, Inc.

Section 3. A charter may be issued by the National Chairman, after consultation with the appropriate State Chairman. Unless exception is taken in writing, within fifteen (15) days, by one of the above persons, from the date the charter application is mailed to the State Chairman for approval, the charter shall be issued by the National Chairman.

Section 4. If exception is taken to the decision of the National of State Chairman in accordance with Section 3 of this Article, an appeal may be made to the Policy Committee. It shall be the responsibility of the National Chairman to obtain full particulars of the case at issue. The charter may be approved by a three-fifths vote of the Policy Committee.

Section 5. Chartered chapters shall draft their cun By-Laws in accordance with the National By-Laws. Chapters shall file a copy of their By-Laws with the State Chairman and the National Office.

Section 6. All voting members and/or officers of a chapter must be members of Young Americans for Freedom, Inc., as constituted in Article Four, Section 1.

Section 7. No chapter may use the name of an existing chapter in the same state. No chapter may use a word denoting any of the following geographical areas without the approval of the State Chairman: "county," "Congressional district," "metropolitan" or "greater".

Section 8. Names of chapters, or changes in the names of chapters, are subject to review of the National Board of Directors.

Section 9. Any and all statements and any and all activities carried out by a chapter must be done in the name of that local chapter.

Section 10. It is the obligation and responsibility of newly elected chapterofficers to notify the State Chairman and National Chairman of any changes of chapter officers.

<u>Section 11.</u> Chapter officers are responsible for the debts incurred on behalf of the local chapter. Neither the Corporation or the state organization is in any way responsible for debts of a chapter.

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Section 12. The charter of any chapter operating in a manner contrary to the By-Laws of the Corporation may be revoked or suspended by a fivesevenths vote of the Policy Committee, subject to ratification by two-thirds vote of the Board of Directors at its next meeting.

Section 13. Under no circumstances may a chapter incorporate under the laws of its state.

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ARTICLE TWELVE-COUNCILS

Section 1. Councils may organized for the purposes of coordinating the activities of chapters. A council must apply for a charter from the National Office in same manner as a chapter.

Section 2. Councils composed solely of high schools and college chapters must use the word "student" in the official council name.

Section 3. All councils shall be governed by the provisions of Article Eleven, Sections 3 through 14 inclusive where applicable.

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Section 4. The State Chairman must approve the membership on the council of each individual chapter, and he shall appoint all officers of the council, who shall serve at his pleasure.

ARTICLE THIRTEEN -NATIONAL CONVENTION

Section 1. A National Convention shall be held biennially (every 1 years) to transact such business as may be submitted to it by the Board of Directors and to conduct such elections as provided in Article Five, Section 5 and Article Six, Section 2.

Section 2. The time, place and rules of such Convention shall be determined by the Board of Directors.

Section 3. The National Chairman shall give forty-five (45) days notice of the Convention and the place where it is to be held to State Chairman and Chapter Chairman.

Section 4. Each chapter chartered in accordance with these 3y-Laws shall be allowed one (1) delegate to represent the members of the chapter at the National Convention. Each chapter shall be entitled to one (1) <u>additional</u> delegate for each ten (10) members beyond the first five (5) members. A chapter shall not be entitled to any delegates if it has not been chartered for a continuous period of at least ninety (30) days prior to the date of the National Convention.

<u>Section 5.</u> Each state organization shall be allowed one (1) delegate at large, and an additional delegate at large for each full fifty (50) members of the Corporation residing therein, according to the records of the Corporation.

Section 6. Each member of the Board of Directors shall have one (1) delegate vote at the National Convention.

<u>Section 7.</u> No delegate may cast more than one vote, nor may any person vote by proxy. Councils are not entitled to any delegate votes. Every delegate must be a member of the Corporation, having complied with all the requirements of Article Four of the By-Laws.

<u>Section 8.</u> The Board of Directors shall by resolution determine a record date at which the <u>membership rolls</u> of the Corporation shall be closed for the purpose of determining the delegate allocation in accord with these By-Laws.

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Section 9. Delegates to all regional conferences shall be selected in accordance with sections 4, 5, 7, and 8 of article 13.

ARTICLE FOURTEEN-OFFICES

Section 1. An office of the Corporation shall be located in the Dity of Wilmington, State of Delaware.

Section 2. The Corporation may also have offices at such other places, either within or without the State or Delaware, as the Board of Directors may from time to time determine.

Section 3. The principal office of the Corporation shall be located in or near the District of Columbia.

ARTICLE FIFTEEN-FUNDS AND SECURITIES

Section 1. The Board of Directors may authorize any officer or officers, in the name of and on behalf of the Corporation, to enter into any contrast or execute and deliver any instrument, or to sign thecks, drafts, or other oriers for the payment of money or notes or other evidences of indebtedness, and such authority may be general or confined to specific instances; and, unless so authorized by the Board of Directors or by these By-Laws, no officer shall have the power or authority to bind the Corporation by any contract or engagement or to render it pacuniarily liable for any purposes or to any amount.

<u>Section 2.</u> No loan shall be contracted on behalf of the Corporation and no negotiable paper shall be issued in its name unless authorized by the vote of the Board of Directors or by these By-Laws. When authorized by the Board of Directors to do so, any officer of the Corporation may effect loans and advances at any time for the Corporation from any bank, trust company, or other institution, or from any firm, corporation or individual. Such authority may be general or confined to specific instances.

Section 3. All funds of the Corporation not otherwise employed shall be deposited from time to time to the credit of the Corporation in such banks, trust companies, or other depositories as the Board of Directors may select; or as may be selected by any officer or officers of the Corporation to whom such power may from time to time be delegated by the Board of Directors or by these By-Laws.

ARTICLY SIXTEEN-FISCAL YEAR

The fiscal year shall be fixed by resolution of the Board of Directors.

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ARTICLE SEVENTIEN-SCHICES

Whenever, under the provisions of these By-Laws, the Certificate of Incorporation, or any statute, notice is required to be given to any Director, officer, or member, it shall not be construed to be a personal notice, but such notice may be given in writing by mail or talegram, addressed to such officer, Director, or member at such address as appears on the books of the Corporation. Any Director, officer, or member may waive any notice required to be given by law, the Certificate of Incorporation, or these By-Laws.

ARTICLE EIGHTEEN-PARLIMENTARY PROCEDURE

All matters not covered by the By-Laws of the Corporation shall be governed by Roberts Rules of Order Revised.

ARTICLE NINETTEN-AMENTS

Section 1. The Board of Directors, by vote of two-thirds of the entire Board of Directors, may amend the By-Laws, provided that each tember of the Board of Directors be given twenty-one (21) days notice of the substance of the proposes changes. DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION,) Plaintiff)

CIVIL ACTION NO. 82-609-G

MASSACHUSETTS CITIZENS FOR LIFE, INC., Defendant

v.

JUDGMENT

GARRITY; J.

In accordance with the Court's opinion filed on June 29, 1984, it is ORDERED:

that judgment for the defendant be, and it is hereby, entered. Complaint dismissed.

By the Court:

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STEPHEN A. MOYNAHAN, JR.

Dated: June 29, 1984



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UNITED STATES DISTRICT OF RT

FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION, Plaintiff,

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MASSACHUSETTS CITIZENS FOR LIFE, INC.,

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OPINION

June 29, 1984

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This is an enforcement proceeding by the Federal Election Commission (FEC) seeking to invoke the provisions of § 441b of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended, 2 U.S.C. § 441b, against the defendant Massachusetts Citizens for Life, 1 Inc. (MCFL) for having made expenditures of corporate funds in connection with the 1978 election of Massachusetts candidates for federal office. Jurisdiction rests upon 28 U.S.C. § 1345

After the FEC brought this suit, defendant MCFL established a separate, segregated fund to be utilized for political purposes (often called a political action committee or PAC) pursuant to 2 U.S.C. § 441b(b)(2)(C), and presumably the costs of any current MCFL newsletters are borne by this PAC. However, this action has not on that account become moot, since the complaint seeks payment to the United States Treasury of a \$5,000 civil penalty.

and 2 U.S.C. § 4 (a) (6) (A). Cross-motion for summary judgment were filed by the parties on a record consisting of affidavits, answers to interrogatories and a notice to admit facts and depositions. Exhaustive legal memoranda, which incidentally discussed many subissues and side issues and contingent issues and alternative grounds not reached in this opinion, were filed before and subsequent to oral argument.

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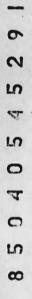
The facts are essentially undisputed. The defendant is a Massachusetts corporation formed in January 1973 for the following purpose:

To foster respect for human life and to defend the right to life of all human beings, born and unborn, through educational, political and other forms of activities and in addition to engage in any other lawful act or activity for which corporations may be organized under Chapter 180 of the general Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In September 1978 MCFL published an eight-page "Special Election Edition" of the MCFL newsletter and mailed it to 58,025 persons. The defendant expended from its general treasury funds \$475 to prepare the edition, \$2100 to print

Section 437g jurisdiction may be contrasted with that under 2 U.S.C. § 437h providing for actions to construe the constitutionality of any provision of the Federal Election Campaign Act, in which the district court immediately certifies questions of constitutionality to the Court of Appeals, which sits en banc. See Bread Political Action Com. v. FEC, 7 Cir. 1979, 591 F.2d 29, Athens Lumber Co., Inc. v. FEC, 11 Cir. 1983, 639 F.2d 1006, 1009-1011, en banc 718 F.2d 363, cert. den. 52 L.W. 3686 (March 19, 1984), and FEC v. TRIM, infra, at 49-51.

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it and \$6800 for mailing. Some minor errors in the voting records of three candidates were discovered and, later in the month, a revised partial edition was printed at a cost of \$492 for 20,000 copies. MCFL's total expenditure for the two printings and distributions was \$9812.

The first-page headline of the editions read, "EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW TO VOTE PRO-LIFE". The editions listed all candidates in an upcoming September 19, 1978 primary election for Congress, state Governor and state legislature and reported their positions on three pro-life issues: a "constitutional human life amendment", legislation to prohibit the use of tax funds for abortions, and legislation to provide positive alternatives to abortion. The positions of incumbents were derived from their voting records and of non-incumbents from their answers to guestionnaires. The editions urged that recipients "vote pro-life" and carried photographs only of congressional and gubernatorial candidates whose records or promises met with MCFL approval. However, the text also stated, "This special election edition does not represent an endorsement of any particular candidate" and FEC has not contended that the publication constituted express advocacy for any of the candidates.

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Before entering the thicket of statutes and regulations governing federal elections, some preliminary observations may be in order. First, this is probably a case of first impression. To the best of our knowledge plaintiff has not heretofore sought to invoke the provisions of § 441b against a noncommercial corporation for making expenditures in connection with either a primary or final election to federal office. Judicial interpretations of § 441b or its predecessor are found in criminal cases, e.g., United States v. Chestnut, S.D. N.Y. 1975, 394 F.Supp. 581, civil actions for enforcement of administrative subpoenas, e.g., FEC v. Long Island Tax Reform Immediately Committee (TPIM), 2 Cir. 1980, 616 F.2d 45, or pursuant to the disclosure and reporting provisions of other sections of the Federal Election Campaign Act, e.g., FEC v. American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, D.C. D.C. 1974, 471 F.Supp. 315, or in cases concerning campaign contributions, e.g., FEC v. National Right to Work Committee (NRWC), 1982, 459 U.S. 197. Civil penalties and contempt adjudications are among the sanctions now provided in § 437g for violations of § 441b. The complaint in the instant case seeks a civil penalty of \$5,000.

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After the Supreme Court decision in the NRWC case, the parties filed supplemental memoranda on the question whether it is controlling precedent in this case. In our opinion, it is not. Plaintiff argues that the Supreme Court

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Secondly, the facial constitutionality of § 441b is not an open question. The compelling government interest in preserving the integrity and appearance of integrity of federal elections that underlies the regulation of campaign contributions and expenditures has been long established, at least since <u>United States v. Automobile Workers</u>, 1957, 352 U.S. 567. The constitutionality of the FECA was explored in depth in the "watershed case" of <u>Buckley v. Valeo</u>, 1976, 424 U.S. 1, in which the opinions <u>per curiam</u> and of the individual Justices exceeded 200 pages. Likewise, the precious First Amendment interests here involved need simply to be recognized, not explicated. We subscribe to Judge Sweet's statement in FEC v. Weinsten, S.D. N.Y. 1978, 462 F.Supp. 243, 249:

For this court to elaborate on the nature of free speech would be presumptuous in view of the exhaustive literature in this field and the opinions already referred to.

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treated NRWC's solicitation of campaign contributions from nonmembers as the making of prohibited expenditures. We believe, however, that a fair reading of its unanimous opinion leaves no doubt that the Court was addressing the legality of NRWC's fundraising, viz., solicitation of contributions to be donated to political candidates or campaign committees, not the legality of its expenditures. See Democratic Party v. National Conservative P.A.C., E.D. Pa. 1983, 578 F.Supp. 797, 820. For one thing, the opinion did not quote or even cite the statutory definitions of "expenditure", § 441b(b)(2) and § 431(f) except, at 201, in passing reference to separate segregated funds. Also, NRWC discussed only freedom of association, not freedom of speech. The derivation a relationship between First Amendment freedoms and democracy's dependence upon honest and apparently honest elections have been described in numerous scholarly articles, e.g., Corporate and Labor Union Activity in Federal Elections: "Active Electioneering" as a Constitutional Standard, 49 Geo. Wash. L. Rev. 761 (1981), and decisions, e.g., <u>United States v. Chestnut</u>, <u>supra</u> at 588-591, <u>Common</u> Cause v. Schmitt, D.C. D.C. 1980, 512 F.Supp. 489, 493-500.

Thirdly, in ruling upon the parties' cross-motions for summary judgment we are mindful of the "basic principle that . . . If a court can decide a case on non-constitutional grounds, it should not stray into the field on constitutional analysis." FEC <u>v. TRIM</u>, <u>supra</u> at 51-52. See also the classic exposition of this principle in <u>United States v. Automobile</u> <u>Workers</u>, <u>supra</u> at 590-592. This does not mean, however, that the statute can be construed without awareness of the impact of plaintiff's interpretation of § 441b on the defendant's freedoms of speech and association: First Amendment interests permeate the issues of statutory construction here presented, and Congress will not be presumed to have been insensitive to them.

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Section 441b(b)(2) provides the applicable definition of "expenditure", as follows:

In our opinion, this definition is exclusive despite use of the verb "shall include" rather than "shall mean" because § 431(f)(4)(H), the definition section of FECA, in effect adopts the § 441b(b)(2) definition. For purpose of this section . . . the term "contribution or expenditure" shall include any direct or indirect payment, distribution, loan, advance, deposit, or gift of money, or any services, or anything of value . . . to any candidate, campaign committee, or political party or organization, in connection with any [federal] election. . .

Section 441b thus outlaws indirect payments or gifts of anything of value to any candidate, campaign committee or political party or organization. Was defendant's publication of the Special Election Editions intended by Congress to be such a payment or gift? We think not. The publication was uninvited by any candidate and uncoordinated with any campaign. When competing candidates were on the same side of the abortion issue, it did not suggest a preference. To the extent that it was distributed beyond defendant's membership, it probably lessened rather than enhanced the prospects of election of candidates subscribing to defendants' platform which, according to public opinion polls, is opposed by most citizens. It listed the positions of hundreds of candidates on a single political issue, without however expressly advocating the election or defeat of any particular candidate or belittling the importance

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"Unlike contributions, such independent expenditures may well provide little assistance to the candidate's campaign and indeed may prove counterproductive. The absence of prearrangement and coordination of an expenditure with the candidate or his agent not only undermines the value of the expenditure to the candidate, but also alleviates the danger that expenditures will be given as a guid pro guo for improper commitments from the candidate." Buckley v. Valeo, supra, at 47.

of other electio issues. The publication at less than \$10,000 and nearly 500 candidates were surveyed, an alleged "expenditure" of about \$20 per candidate. If the space in the editions devoted to candidates for federal office be segregated from the rest, the cost of the papers was about \$4,000 for 50 candidates, or \$80 per--in either case, hardly the sort of "large" expenditures, repeatedly referred to in <u>Buckley v. Valeo , supra</u>, or "indirect contributions" which the 1947 amendment to the Federal Corrupt Practices Act was aimed at. <u>See United States v. CIO</u>, 1948, 335 U.S. 106, 115, 122.

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We also hold that the tabloids in question were not expenditures prohibited by § 441b because they were "news story, commentary, or editorial distributed through the facilities of any . . . periodical publication" and hence exempted from the definition of expenditure by the 1974 amendments to FECA, found now in 2 U.S.C. § 431(9)(B)(i) (before 1980 at § 431(f)(4)(A)). They listed the voting records of incumbents on three legislative proposals pertaining

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The complete provision is: The term "expenditure" does not include--any news story, commentary, or editorial distributed through the facilities of any broadcasting station, newspaper, magazine, or other periodical publication, unless such facilities are owned or controlled by any political party, political committee, or candidate. There is no claim in this case that the defendant's facilities are owned or controlled by any political party, committee or candidate.

to abortions and eported the responses to destionnaires regarding these proposals received from nonincumbent candidates; and urged readers to vote pro-life. In our opinion, the compilation of voting records and questionnaire responses was news, probably not available elsewhere; and the call to . vote pro-life, in conjunction, incidentally, with a quotation from Thomas Jefferson, was editorial.

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The closer question is whether the special election 7 editions were "periodical publications" within the meaning of the statutory exemption. We find that they were. First, they were similar in newsprint, sheet form, size and format to the "MCFL Newsletter" that the defendant published relatively regularly, subject only to the availability of sufficient funds, for five years before 1978. The newsletters typically filled 6-10 pages of newsprint and included explanations and endorsements of its opposition to abortions, reports of political developments and judicial rulings on abortionrelated issues, announcements of social activities for

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The term is not defined elsewhere in the statute or regulations. The Commission has suggested, in accordance with FEC Advisory Opinion AO 1980-109, CCH Guide ¶ 5556, that we borrow and apply the definition of the term "bona fide newspaper" in regulations at 11 CFR § 110.13, as elaborated at 44 Fed. Reg. 76735 (12/27/79). But § 110.13 concerns the staging of political debates, which in our view presents quite different problems.

members and appeals for funds. Special election editions were published prior to all elections since 1974, thrice before 1978. Secondly, the legislative history of the newspaper exemption shows that Congress intended that it be a broad exemption, coextensive with the First Amendment. The relevant House of Representatives committee report, H.R. Rep. No. 1239, 93d Cong., 2d Sess. 4 (1974), stated that

it is not the intent of the Congress in the present legislation to limit or burden in any way the first amendment freedoms of the press or of association. (emphasis added)

The same report indicates that the amendment would conform the statute to preexisting law, which would presumably include the <u>caveat</u> expressed in <u>United States v. CIO</u>, <u>supra</u>, at 123, as follows:

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It would require explicit words in an act to convince us that Congress intended to bar a trade journal, a house organ or a newspaper, published by a corporation, from expressing views on candidates or political proposals in the regular course of its publication. It is unduly stretching language to say that members or stockholders are unwilling participants in such normal organizational activities, including the advocacy thereby of governmental policies affecting their interests, and the support thereby of candidates thought to be favorable to their interests.

Another indication of the breadth of the news exemption from FECA's definition of "expenditure" was Congress' simultaneous enactment of a narrower provision exempting newspapers from the reporting and disclosure provisions of FECA, § 437(a).

This provision was invalidated as unconstitutional by the Court of Appeals decision in <u>Buckley v. Valeo</u>, D.C. Cir. 1975, 519 F.2d 821, 869-78, an aspect of the case not reviewed by the Supreme Court in its landmark decision. If § 441b were intended by Congress to prohibit MCFL's expenditures of printing and distributing the newsletters in question, it would be unconstitutional under the First Amendment as applied to MCFL because violative of MCFL's freedoms of speech, press and association. Our opinion on this point is based upon the junction in this case of three distinctive features of the expenditures at issue. They were (a) independent of any candidate or party, (b) by a nonprofitmaking corporation formed to advance an ideological cause and (c) for the purpose of publishing direct political speech. We discuss each in turn.

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The only compelling governmental interest that would justify the application of § 441b to the defendant's Special Election Editions, to wit, the prevention of real or apparent corruption, has not been shown by plaintiff to be implicated here. The danger that the newsletters might, like large campaign contributions, "secure a political <u>quid pro quo</u> from current and potential office holders", <u>Buckley v. Valeo</u>, <u>supra at 26</u>, or create political debts, <u>First National Bank</u> <u>of Boston v. Bellotti</u>, <u>supra</u> at 788, fn. 26, or "pose a perceived threat of actual or potential corruption," California Medical Assn. v. FEC, 1981, 453 U.S. 182,

"Buckley identified a single narrow exception to the rule that limits on political activity were contrary to the First Amendment." <u>Citizens Against Rent Control v. Berkeley</u>, 1981, 454 U.S. 290, 296-297 (emphasis added).

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concurring opinio of Blackmun, J. at 203, not been shown. The election editions were accurate tabulations of all candidates' positions on three public issues espoused by MCFL, without express advocacy of the election of a particular candidate. The costs of their composition and distribution were made without the cooperation, consultation, request or suggestion of any candidate, see 5 431(17) of the Act, and hence independent expenditures; a fact which <u>Buckley v. Valeo</u>, <u>supra</u> at 47, quoted <u>ante</u> at fn. 5, says "alleviates <u>the danger</u> that expenditures will be given as a <u>guid pro quo</u> for improper commitments from the candidate." (emphasis added). In our opinion, this independence under the circumstances of the instant case not merely alleviates "the danger" which is an essential predicate to curtailment of MCFL's First Amendment freedoms--it eliminates it.

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Other governmental interests have sometimes been advanced in support of § 441b: to protect shareholders from having corporate funds used to support political candidates to whom they may be opposed, FEC v. NRWC, supra at 207-208, and "to sustain the active, alert responsibility of the individual citizen in a democracy for the wise conduct of government." <u>United States v. Auto Workers, supra at 575.</u> It is selfevident that the expenditures at issue in this case are not contrary to these two interests. The expenditures in question clearly carry out the widely publicized purpose of MCFL's

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existence, viz., pposition to abortion, of which all members must be aware before sending in donations. As for promoting citizen responsibility, publication of tabloids urging readers to go to the polls and vote for candidates sharing their views on an important public issue is scarcely inconsistent with that governmental interest.

Buckley v. Valeo, supra at 44-48, ruled that independent expenditures are constitutionally protected if made by an individual or group "in order to engage directly in political speech." <u>California Medical Assn. v. FEC</u>, 1981, 453 U.S. 182, 195. The single differentiating factor in the instant case from <u>Buckley</u> is the defendant's corporate form. But that difference cannot be dispositive. The corporate identity of the speaker does not deprive speech of what otherwise would be its clear entitlement to protection. <u>First National</u> <u>Bank of Boston v. Bellotti</u>, <u>supra</u> at 778-786. The dissenting justices in that case emphasized the nature of commercial corporations. Probably they would not have dissented had the holding been limited to nonprofitmaking corporations like MCFL. This is indicated in Mr. Justice White's dissenting opinion, at 805, as follows:

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It is clear that the communications of profitmaking corporations are not "an integral part of the development of ideas, of mental exploration and of the affirmation of self." They do not represent a manifestation of individual freedom or choice. Undoubtedly, as this

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Court has recognized, see NAACP v. Button, 371 U.S. 415 (1963), there are some corporations formed for the express purpose of advancing certain ideological causes shared by all their members, or, as in the case of the press, of disseminating information and ideas. Under such circumstances, association in a corporate form may be viewed as merely a means of achieving effective self-expression. But this is hardly the case generally with corporations operated for the purpose of making profits. (emphasis added)..

Thus the second critical element of MCFL's constitutional claims is the nature of the defendant corporation.

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The third is the purpose of the expenditures the FEC seeks to forbid: the publication of direct political speech, not the solicitation of contributions from 267,000 individuals as in FEC v. NRWC, supra, nor "speech by proxy" by means of contributions to a political action committee as in <u>California</u> <u>Medical Assn. v. FEC</u>, supra, (such "speech by proxy" . . . is not <u>the sort of</u> political advocacy . . . entitled to full First Amendment protection." <u>Id</u>., at 196. Emphasis added.) <u>Brown v. Hartlage</u>, 1982, 456 U.S. 45, held the Kentucky Corrupt Practices Act unconstitutional as applied to a candidate for public office who made a campaign promise to serve if elected at a salary less than that fixed by law,

[&]quot;[T]his attenuated form of speech does not resemble the direct political advocacy to which this Court in <u>Buckley</u> accorded substantial constitutional protection." <u>California</u> Medical Assn. v. FEC, supra, fn. 16 at 196.

finding, at 56-5 "that the statements of petitioner Brown . . . were very different in character from the corrupting agreements and solicitations historically recognized as unprotected by the First Amendment." (emphasis added). Similarly here, the defendant's special election editions were the very antithesis of a corrupting agreement or contribution. They were open, strived for accuracy, reported on every candidate regardless of prospects of election and urged readers to vote on election day. They sought to influence incumbents and candidates solely by means of informed voter reaction to the candidates' positions on an important public issue. Far from being an improper influence, or eroding public confidence in the electoral process, or threatening its integrity, FEC v. NRWC, supra at 207-208, they would seem to promote rather than undermine the honest functioning of representative government.

Conclusion

In their briefs and oral arguments the parties have addressed in many ways but always indirectly an issue of characterization that we feel is best stated explicitly: in publishing its Special Election Editions in 1978, was the defendant spending or speaking? Plaintiff would answer the former and defendant would answer the latter. Both would, of course, be correct, but only partially so. Essentially,

however, we agree with the defendant that the costs of the publications in question are more accurately characterized as speaking than spending and that in placing the FCPA in the FECA as new § 441b Congress did not intend to proscribe the type of expenditure made by the defendant in 1978.

Alternatively, and conditionally upon our having misinterpreted § 441b and § 431(9)(B)(i), we have observed the precept, "regulation of First Amendment rights is always subject to exacting judicial scrutiny", <u>Citizens Against</u> <u>Rent Control v. Berkeley</u>, <u>supra</u> at 298, and found that to apply the Federal Corrupt Practices Act, 2 U.S.C. § 441b, to defendant MCFL's 1978 Special Election Editions would violate its rights to freedom of speech, press and association under the First Amendment of the United States Constitution. Accordingly it is ordered that plaintiff's motion for summary judgment be denied and that defendant's motion be granted and that judgment be entered for the defendant dismissing the complaint.

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

October 23, 1984

Carol C. Piper 3934 14th Avenue North St. Petersburg, Florida 33713

Dear Mrs. Piper:

This letter is in response to your letter of October 3, 1984, inquiring into what action the Commission has taken on your complaint.

Pursuant to 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(4)(B) and § 437g(a)(12)(A), a matter under review shall remain confidential until it is closed. Upon being closed, the complainant is notified of the Commission's final action. Therefore, until final action has been taken on your complaint, no information concerning the matter will be made public.

Sincerely,

Charles N. Steele Gener nse. By: Associate General Cou

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August 2, 1984

Counsel Commission W. 20463 RE: MUR 1701 for Young Americans for Freedom

Dear Ms. Thedford:

Enclosed please find the answers to interrogatories and request for documents Young Americans for Freedom ("YAF") received from the FEC in a letter dated May 24, 1984. On behalf of YAF, the interrogatories have been answered by Terrell Cannon, Esquire, Treasurer of the Organization.

We would like to point out that in sending the letters at issue, YAF was not attempting to raise funds for the re-election of President Reagan. YAF is a politically conservative organization which supports President Reagan's views and policies. However, the letters were sent as part of YAF's membership drive with no intention of expending any funds raised directly for President Reagan's reelection. Furthermore, at the time the letters were sent, from July of 1983 through March of 1984, President Reagan's re-election campaign was not active.

Also enclosed for your reference is a recent U.S. District Court decision <u>Federal Election</u> Commission v. <u>Massachusetts Citizens for Life, Inc.</u> dated June 29, 1984. We feel that Judge Garrity's decision in that case is pertinent to MUR 1701 and indicates as we contend, that YAF is not in violation of 2 U.S.C. Section 441b.

I would welcome the opportunity to discuss this matter with you further.

Yours very truly, 74

MacKenzie Canter, III

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ANSWERS TO INTERROGATORIES AND REQUEST FOR DOCUMENTS FROM TERRELL CANNON, ESQUIRE, TREASURER OF YOUNG AMERICANS FOR FREEDOM, INC.

Terrell Cannon, Esquire, Treasurer of Young Americans for Freedom, hereby responds to the interrogatories and request for documents as follows:

State your name, address and principal place of business.

Terrell Cannon, Esquire, 3141 Prarie Road, Lincoln, Nebraska 68506. My principal place of business is in Lincoln, Nebraska.

List your position, duties and responsibilities with Young Americans for Freedom.

I am Treasurer of Young Americans for Freedom, Inc. (hereinafter referred to as "YAF"). As Treasurer, I oversee the care and custody of YAF's funds and the its receipts and disbursements.

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Describe the form of organization that Young Americans for Freedom represents (e.g., corporation, corporation without capitol stock, membership organization).

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YAF is a non-profit, non-stock, membership corporation.

If applicable, provide copies of the articles of incorporation and bylaws pertaining to Young Americans for Freedom.

Copies of the Organization's articles of incoproration and by-laws are enclosed.

If your answer to question 3, above, is membership organization, state the requirements of membership in the Young Americans for Freedom. If the requirements are in writing, provide a copy of the materials in which the requirements appear.

Pursuant to Section 4 of the Bylaws, the membership requirements for YAF are as follows:

a) an individual who is an American citizen; and

b) agrees with the organization's beliefs as outlined in Article 3, Section 1 of the by-laws, copy attached.

Any individual 39 years of age or younger who meets membership requirements and pays annual dues qualifies as a member of YAF. Any individual over the age of 39 who meets the membership requirements and pays annual dues is designated Associate member.

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The membership requirements are listed in Article Four of the enclosed copy of YAF's By-laws.

If your answer to question 3, above, is membership organization, state the number of individuals who are currently members of Young Americans for Freedom.

Currently, there are approximately 5000 members of YAF.

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On what date or dates was the letter mailed?

The mailings occurred from July 13, 1983 until March 26, 1984.

How many of the letters were mailed?

A total of 1,223,963 letters were mailed during the above-referenced time period.

To whom were the letters mailed? (e.g., general public, members, stockholders, executive and administrative personnel of Young Americans for Freedom)

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The letters were mailed to those persons and entities who have made contributions to conservative causes in the past.

10. State who paid for all costs in connection with the mailing of the letter. In this connection, please identify each account from which disbursements were made including the account number, the name and address of the finiancial institution at which the account is or was maintained, the name of the account and the type of the account.

YAF paid for all costs connected with the mailings.

Disbursements for such costs were made from the Young Americans for Freedom Escrow Account, account number 14001, located at George Mason Bank, 11185 Main Street, Fairfax, Virginia 22030. This account is a checking account.

What was the total cost expended in the mailing of the letter (stationery, printing, postage, mailing list, etc.)?

The total costs incurred in connection with the mailings were \$412,381.00.

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The total of \$510,026.00 was received in response to the mailings.

How was the money used which was received as a result of the mailing of the letter?

The funds received as a result of the mailings were applied to cover the costs of the mailings with the remainder held by YAF and applied to administrative costs.

Provide the names and addresses of the officers, employees or agents of Young Americans for Freedom who were involved in the sending of the letter (excluding the names and addresses of clerical staff).

a) Sam Pimm

394 East Saddle River Road Upper Saddle River, New Jersey 07458

b) Jim Lacy

429 Cameron Street Alexandria, Virginia 22314

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Terrell Cannon Treasurer

Young Americans for Freedom

STATE: Debraska COUNTY: Sancaster _ day of August Subscribed and sworn before me this / 1984. Rottinn M. D GED'\$241 m Griffiths HUTARY PUBLIC 10 00 My commission expires: July 23, 1986

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State of DELAWARE

Office of SECRETARY OF STATE

I, Glenn C. Kenton, Secretary of State of the State of Delaware, do hereby certify that the attached is a true and correct copy of Certificate of <u>Incorporation</u> filed in this office on <u>March 28, 1961</u>

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Glenn C. Kenton Secretary of Sinte

BY: K. Scarge

July 20, 1982 DATE:

Form 130

CERTIFICATE OF INCONPORATION

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YOUNG AMERICANS FOR FREEDOM, LNC.

FIRS1: "he name of the corporation is Young Americans for Freedom, Inc."

SECOND: Its principal office in the State of Delaware is located at NJ. 100 West Teach Street in the City of Wilmington, County of New Coltle: The name and address of its resident agent is THE CORFORATION TRUST COMPANY, No. 100 West 1 onth Street, Wilmington '9, Delaware.

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THIRM: Young Americans for Preedom, Inc. is a <u>non-profit</u>, non-sectarian, voluntary membership corporation. The objects or purposes to be promoted or carried on are:

1. To maintain an organization for you, American people who believe in the following:

> That foremost emong the transcendent values is the individual's use of his Godgiven free will, whence derives his right to be free from the restrictions of arbitrary force:

That liberty is indivisible, and that political freedom cannot long exist without economic freedom;

That the purposes of government are to protect these freedoms through the preservation of internal order, the provision of national defense, ar tithe administration of justice; That when government ventures beyond these rightful functions. It maximum. a peter which tends to distinish or is, w. t Tiberty:

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In furtherance of, and not in limitation of the general powers conferred by the laws of the State of Delmars, and the objects and purposes herein set forth, it is expressly provided that this corporation shall also have the following powers, viz:

Acting through its Poard of Directors, its fistional Chairman and other officers, subject to the powers of restrictions of this Certificate of Incorporation, and its My-Laum, to do all such note as are necessary or a list to the attainment of the objects and purposes herein act forth, and to the same extent and as fully as soy noteral person might or could do.

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In general, to have all powers conferred upon a corporation by the laws of the State of Belaware, except as harein prohibited, or forbidden by the Py-Leus of this corporation.

FOURTH: The corporation shall not have any capital stock, and the conditions of membership shall us stated in the By-Laus of the corporation.

FIFTH: The names and places of residence of the incorporators, are as follows:

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION,

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Plaintiff)

MASSACHUSETTS CITIZENS FOR LIFE, INC., Defendant CIVIL ACTION NO. 82-609-G

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In accordance with the Court's opinion filed

on June 29, 1984, it is ORDERED:

that judgment for the defendant be, and it is hereby, entered. Complaint dismissed.

By the Court:

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STEPHEN A. MOYNAHAN, JR.

Dated: June 29, 1984

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS

FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION, Plaintiff,

v.

CIVIL ACTION NO. 82-609-G

MASSACHUSETTS CITIZENS FOR LIFE, INC., Defendant.

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OPINION

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This is an enforcement proceeding by the Federal Election Commission (FEC) seeking to invoke the provisions of § 441b of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended, 2 U.S.C. § 441b, against the defendant Massachusetts Citizens for Life, 1 Inc. (MCFL) for having made expenditures of corporate funds in connection with the 1978 election of Massachusetts candidates for federal office. Jurisdiction rests upon 28 U.S.C. § 1345

After the FEC brought this suit, defendant MCFL established a separate, segregated fund to be utilized for political purposes (often called a political action committee or PAC) pursuant to 2 U.S.C. § 441b(b)(2)(C), and presumably the costs of any current MCFL newsletters are borne by this PAC. However, this action has not on that account become moot, since the complaint seeks payment to the United States Treasury of a \$5,000 civil penalty. and 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(6)(A). Cross-motions for summary judgment were filed by the parties on a record consisting of affidavits, answers to interrogatories and a notice to admit facts and depositions. Exhaustive legal memoranda, which incidentally discussed many subissues and side issues and contingent issues and alternative grounds not reached in this opinion, were filed before and subsequent to oral argument.

The facts are essentially undisputed. The defendant is a Massachusetts corporation formed in January 1973 for the following purpose:

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To foster respect for human life and to defend the right to life of all human beings, born and unborn, through educational, political and other forms of activities and in addition to engage in any other lawful act or activity for which corporations may be organized under Chapter 180 of the general Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In September 1978 MCFL published an eight-page "Special Election Edition" of the MCFL newsletter and mailed it to 58,025 persons. The defendant expended from its general treasury funds \$475 to prepare the edition, \$2100 to print

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Section 437g jurisdiction may be contrasted with that under 2 U.S.C. § 437h providing for actions to construe the constitutionality of any provision of the Federal Election Campaign Act, in which the district court immediately certifies questions of constitutionality to the Court of Appeals, which sits en banc. See Bread Political Action Com. v. FEC, 7 Cir. 1979, 591 F.2d 29, Athens Lumber Co., Inc. v. FEC, 11 Cir. 1983, 689 F.2d 1006, 1009-1011, en banc 718 F.2d 363, cert. den. 52 L.W. 3686 (March 19, 1984), and FEC v. TRIM, infra, at 49-51.

it and \$6800 for mailing. Some minor errors in the voting records of three candidates were discovered and, later in the month, a revised partial edition was printed at a cost of \$492 for 20,000 copies. MCFL's total expenditure for the two printings and distributions was \$9812.

The first-page headline of the editions read, "EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW TO VOTE PRO-LIFE". The editions listed all candidates in an upcoming September 19, 1978 primary election for Congress, state Governor and state legislature and reported their positions on three pro-life issues: a "constitutional human life amendment", legislation to prohibit the use of tax funds for abortions, and legislation to provide positive alternatives to abortion. The positions of incumbents were derived from their voting records and of non-incumbents from their answers to questionnaires. The editions urged that recipients "vote pro-life" and carried photographs only of congressional and gubernatorial candidates whose records or promises met with MCFL approval. However, the text also stated, "This special election edition does not represent an endorsement of any particular candidate" and FEC has not contended that the publication constituted express advocacy for any of the candidates.

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Before entering the thicket of statutes and regulations governing federal elections, some preliminary observations may be in order. First, this is probably a case of first impression. To the best of our knowledge plaintiff has not heretofore sought to invoke the provisions of § 441b against a noncommercial corporation for making expenditures in connection with either a primary or final election to federal office. Judicial interpretations of § 441b or its predecessor are found in criminal cases, e.g., United States v. Chestnut, S.D. N.Y. 1975, 394 F.Supp. 581, civil actions for enforcement of administrative subpoenas, e.g., FEC v. Long Island Tax Reform Immediately Committee (TRIM), 2 Cir. 1980, 616 F.2d 45, or pursuant to the disclosure and reporting provisions of other sections of the Federal Election Campaign Act, e.g., FEC v. American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, D.C. D.C. 1974, 471 F.Supp. 315, or in cases concerning campaign contributions, e.g., FEC v. National Right to Work Committee (NRWC), 1982, 459 U.S. 197. Civil penalties and contempt adjudications are among the sanctions now provided in § 437g for violations of § 441b. The complaint in the instant case seeks a civil penalty of \$5,000.

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After the Supreme Court decision in the <u>NRWC</u> case, the parties filed supplemental memoranda on the question whether it is controlling precedent in this case. In our opinion, it is not. Plaintiff argues that the Supreme Court

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Secondly, the facial constitutionality of § 441b is not an open question. The compelling government interest in preserving the integrity and appearance of integrity of federal elections that underlies the regulation of campaign contributions and expenditures has been long established, at least since <u>United States v. Automobile Workers</u>, 1957, 352 U.S. 567. The constitutionality of the FECA was explored in depth in the "watershed case" of <u>Buckley v. Valeo</u>, 1976, 424 U.S. 1, in which the opinions <u>per curiam</u> and of the individual Justices exceeded 200 pages. Likewise, the precious First Amendment interests here involved need simply to be recognized, not explicated. We subscribe to Judge Sweet's statement in FEC v. Weinsten, S.D. N.Y. 1973, 462 F.Supp. 243, 249:

For this court to elaborate on the nature of free speech would be presumptuous in view of the exhaustive literature in this field and the opinions already referred to.

(cont.) treated NRWC's solicitation of campaign contributions from nonmembers as the making of prohibited expenditures. We believe, however, that a fair reading of its unanimous opinion leaves no doubt that the Court was addressing the legality of NRWC's fundraising, viz., solicitation of contributions to be donated to political candidates or campaign committees, not the legality of its expenditures. See Democratic Party v. National Conservative P.A.C., E.D. Pa. 1983, 578 F.Supp. 797, 820. For one thing, the opinion did not quote or even cite the statutory definitions of "expenditure", § 441±(b)(2) and § 431(f) except, at 201, in passing reference to separate segregated funds. Also, NRWC discussed only freedom of association, not freedom of speech.

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The derivation and relationship between First Amendment freedoms and democracy's dependence upon honest and apparently honest elections have been described in numerous scholarly articles, e.g., Corporate and Labor Union Activity in Federal Elections: "Active Electioneering" as a Constitutional Standard, 49 Geo. Wash. L. Rev. 761 (1981), and decisions, e.g., <u>United States v. Chestnut</u>, <u>supra</u> at 588-591, <u>Common</u> Cause v. Schmitt, D.C. D.C. 1980, 512 F.Supp. 489, 493-500.

Thirdly, in ruling upon the parties' cross-motions for summary judgment we are mindful of the "basic principle that \ldots If a court can decide a case on non-constitutional grounds, it should not stray into the field on constitutional analysis." FEC <u>v. TRIM</u>, <u>supra</u> at 51-52. See also the classic exposition of this principle in <u>United States v. Automobile</u> <u>Workers</u>, <u>supra</u> at 590-592. This does not mean, however, that the statute can be construed without awareness of the impact of plaintiff's interpretation of § 441b on the defendant's freedoms of speech and association. First Amendment interests permeate the issues of statutory construction here presented, and Congress will not be presumed to have been insensitive to them.

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Section 441b(b)(2) provides the applicable definition of "expenditure", as follows:

In our opinion, this definition is exclusive despite use of the verb "shall include" rather than "shall mean" because 431(f)(4)(H), the definition section of FECA, in effect adopts the 441b(b)(2) definition.

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For purposes of this section . . . the term "contribution or expenditure" shall include any direct or indirect payment, distribution, loan, advance, deposit, or gift of money, or any services, or anything of value . . . to any candidate, campaign committee, or political party or organization, in connection with any [federal] election. . .

Section 441b thus outlaws indirect payments or gifts of anything of value to any candidate, campaign committee or political party or organization. Was defendant's publication of the Special Election Editions intended by Congress to be such a payment or gift? We think not. The publication was uninvited by any candidate and uncoordinated with any campaign. When competing candidates were on the same side of the abortion issue, it did not suggest a preference. To the extent that it was distributed beyond defendant's membership, it probably lessened rather than enhanced the prospects of election of candidates subscribing to defendants' platform which, according to public opinion polls, is opposed by most citizens. It listed the positions of hundreds of candidates on a single political issue, without however expressly advocating the election or defeat of any particular candidate or belittling the importance

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[&]quot;Unlike contributions, such independent expenditures may well provide little assistance to the candidate's campaign and indeed may prove counterproductive. The absence of prearrangement and coordination of an expenditure with the candidate or his agent not only undermines the value of the expenditure to the candidate, but also alleviates the danger that expenditures will be given as a quid pro quo for improper commitments from the candidate." Buckley v. Valeo, supra, at 47.

of other election issues. The publication cost less than \$10,000 and nearly 500 candidates were surveyed, an alleged "expenditure" of about \$20 per candidate. If the space in the editions devoted to candidates for federal office be segregated from the rest, the cost of the papers was about \$4,000 for 50 candidates, or \$80 per--in either case, hardly the sort of "large" expenditures, repeatedly referred to in <u>Buckley v. Valeo _, supra</u>, or "indirect contributions" which the 1947 amendment to the Federal Corrupt Practices Act was aimed at. <u>See United States v. CIO</u>, 1948, 335 U.S. 106, 115, 122.

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We also hold that the tabloids in question were not expenditures prohibited by § 441b because they were "news story, commentary, or editorial distributed through the facilities of any . . . periodical publication" and hence exempted from the definition of expenditure by the 1974 amendments to FECA, found now in 2 U.S.C. § 431(9)(B)(i) (before 1980 at § 431(f)(4)(A)). They listed the voting records of incumbents on three legislative proposals pertaining

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The complete provision is: The term "expenditure" does not include--any news story, commentary, or editorial distributed through the facilities of any broadcasting station, newspaper, magazine, or other periodical publication, unless such facilities are owned or controlled by any political party, political committee, or candidate. There is no claim in this case that the defendant's facilities are owned or controlled by any political party, committee or candidate.

to abortions and reported the responses to questionnaires regarding these proposals received from nonincumbent candidates; and urged readers to wote pro-life. In our opinion, the compilation of voting records and questionnaire responses was news, probably not available elsewhere; and the call to vote pro-life, in conjunction, incidentally, with a quotation from Thomas Jefferson, was editorial.

The closer question is whether the special election 7 editions were "periodical publications" within the meaning of the statutory exemption. We find that they were. First, they were similar in newsprint, sheet form, size and format to the "MCFL Newsletter" that the defendant published relatively regularly, subject only to the availability of sufficient funds, for five years before 1978. The newsletters typically filled 6-10 pages of newsprint and included explanations and endorsements of its opposition to abortions, reports of political developments and judicial rulings on abortionrelated issues, announcements of social activities for

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The term is not defined elsewhere in the statute or regulations. The Commission has suggested, in accordance with FEC Advisory Opinion AO 1980-109, CCH Guide ¶ 5556, that we borrow and apply the definition of the term "bona fide newspaper" in regulations at 11 CFR § 110.13, as elaborated at 44 Fed. Reg. 76735 (12/27/79). But § 110.13 concerns the staging of political debates, which in our view presents quite different problems.

members and appeals for funds. Special election editions were published prior to all elections since 1974, thrice before 1978. Secondly, the legislative history of the newspaper exemption shows that Congress intended that it be a broad exemption, coextensive with the First Amendment. The relevant House of Representatives committee report, H.R. Rep. No. 1239, 93d Cong., 2d Sess. 4 (1974), stated that

it is not the intent of the Congress in the present legislation to limit or burden in any way the first amendment freedoms of the press or of association. (emphasis added)

The same report indicates that the amendment would conform the statute to preexisting law, which would presumably include the <u>caveat</u> expressed in <u>United States v. CIO</u>, <u>supra</u>, at 123, as follows:

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It would require explicit words in an act to convince us that Congress intended to bar a trade journal, a house organ or a newspaper, published by a corporation, from expressing views on candidates or political proposals in the regular course of its publication. It is unduly stretching language to say that members or stockholders are unwilling participants in such normal organizational activities, including the advocacy thereby of governmental policies affecting their interests, and the support thereby of candidates thought to be favorable to their interests.

Another indication of the breadth of the news exemption from FECA's definition of "expenditure" was Congress' simultaneous enactment of a narrower provision exempting newspapers from the reporting and disclosure provisions of FECA, § 437(a).

This provision was invalidated as unconstitutional by the Court of Appeals decision in <u>Buckley v. Valeo</u>, D.C. Cir. 1975, 519 F.2d 821, 869-78, an <u>aspect of the case not</u> reviewed by the Supreme Court in its landmark decision. If § 441b were intended by Congress to prohibit MCFL's expenditures of printing and distributing the newsletters in question, it would be unconstitutional under the First Amendment as applied to MCFL because violative of MCFL's freedoms of speech, press and association. Our opinion on this point is based upon the junction in this case of three distinctive features of the expenditures at issue. They were (a) independent of any candidate or party, (b) by a nonprofitmaking corporation formed to advance an ideological cause and (c) for the purpose of publishing direct political speech. We discuss each in turn.

The only compelling governmental interest that would justify the application of § 441b to the defendant's Special Election Editions, to wit, the prevention of real or apparent corruption, has not been shown by plaintiff to be implicated here. The danger that the newsletters might, like large campaign contributions, "secure a political <u>quid pro quo</u> from current and potential office holders", <u>Buckley v. Valeo</u>, <u>supra at 26</u>, or create political debts, <u>First National Bank</u> <u>of Boston v. Bellotti</u>, <u>supra</u> at 788, fn. 26, or "pose a perceived threat of actual or potential corruption," <u>California Medical Assn. v. FEC</u>, 1981, 453 U.S. 182,

"Buckley identified a single narrow exception to the rule that limits on political activity were contrary to the First Amendment." <u>Citizens Against Rent Control v. Berkeley</u>, 1981, 454 U.S. 290, 296-297 (emphasis added).

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concurring opinion of Blackmun, J. at 203, has not been shown. The election editions were accurate tabulations of all candidates' positions on three public issues espoused by MCFL, without express advocacy of the election of a particular candidate. The costs of their composition and distribution were made without the cooperation, consultation, request or suggestion of any candidate, see § 431(17) of the Act, and hence independent expenditures, a fact which <u>Buckley v. Valeo</u>, <u>supra</u> at 47, quoted <u>ante</u> at fn. 5, says "alleviates <u>the danger</u> that expenditures will be given as a <u>quid pro quo</u> for improper commitments from the candidate." (emphasis added). In our opinion, this independence under the circumstances of the instant case not merely alleviates "the danger" which is an essential predicate to curtailment of MCFL's First Amendment freedoms--it eliminates it.

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Other governmental interests have sometimes been advanced in support of § 441b: to protect shareholders from having corporate funds used to support political candidates to whom they may be opposed, FEC v. NRWC, supra at 207-208, and "to sustain the active, alert responsibility of the individual citizen in a democracy for the wise conduct of government." <u>United States v. Auto Workers, supra at 575.</u> It is selfevident that the expenditures at issue in this case are not contrary to these two interests. The expenditures in question clearly carry out the widely publicized purpose of MCFL's

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existence, viz., opposition to abortion, of which all members must be aware before sending in donations. As for promoting citizen responsibility, publication of tabloids urging readers to go to the polls and vote for candidates sharing their views on an important public issue is scarcely inconsistent with that governmental interest.

Buckley v. Valeo, supra at 44-48, ruled that independent expenditures are constitutionally protected if made by an individual or group "in order to engage directly in political speech." <u>California Medical Assn. v. FEC</u>, 1981, 453 U.S. 182, 195. The single differentiating factor in the instant case from <u>Buckley</u> is the defendant's corporate form. But that difference cannot be dispositive. The corporate identity of the speaker does not deprive speech of what otherwise would be its clear entitlement to protection. <u>First National</u> <u>Bank of Boston v. Bellotti</u>, <u>supra</u> at 778-786. The dissenting justices in that case emphasized the nature of commercial corporations. Probably they would not have dissented had the holding been limited to nonprofitmaking corporations like MCFL. This is indicated in Mr. Justice White's dissenting opinion, at 805, as follows:

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It is clear that the communications of profitmaking corporations are not "an integral part of the development of ideas, of mental exploration and of the affirmation of self." They do not represent a manifestation of individual freedom or choice. Undoubtedly, as this

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Court has recognized, see NAACP v. Button, 371 U.S. 415 (1963), there are some corporations formed for the express purpose of advancing certain ideological causes shared by all their members, or, as in the case of the press, of disseminating information and ideas. Under such circumstances, association in a corporate form may be viewed as merely a means of achieving effective self-expression. But this is hardly the case generally with corporations operated for the purpose of making profits. (emphasis added).

Thus the second critical element of MCFL's constitutional claims is the nature of the defendant corporation.

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The third is the purpose of the expenditures the FEC seeks to forbid: the publication of direct political speech, not the solicitation of contributions from 267,000 individuals as in FEC v. NRWC, supra, nor "speech by proxy" by means of contributions to a political action committee as in <u>California</u> <u>Medical Assn. v. FEC</u>, supra, (such "speech by proxy" . . . is not <u>the sort of</u> political advocacy . . . entitled to full First Amendment protection." <u>Id</u>., at 196. Emphasis added.) <u>Brown v. Hartlage</u>, 1982, 456 U.S. 45, held the Kentucky Corrupt Practices Act unconstitutional as applied to a candidate for public office who made a campaign promise to serve if elected at a salary less than that fixed by law,

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[&]quot;[T]his attenuated form of speech does not resemble the direct political advocacy to which this Court in Buckley accorded substantial constitutional protection." <u>California</u> Medical Assn. v. FEC, supra, fn. 16 at 196.

finding, at 56-57, "that the statements of petitioner Brown . . . were very different in character from the corrupting agreements and solicitations historically recognized as unprotected by the First Amendment." (emphasis added). Similarly here, the defendant's special election editions were the very antithesis of a corrupting agreement or contribution. They were open, strived for accuracy, reported on every candidate regardless of prospects of election and urged readers to vote on election day. They sought to influence incumbents and candidates solely by means of informed voter reaction to the candidates' positions on an important public issue. Far from being an improper influence, or eroding public confidence in the electoral process, or threatening its integrity, FEC v. NRWC, supra at 207-208, they would seem to promote rather than undermine the honest functioning of representative government.

Conclusion

In their briefs and oral arguments the parties have addressed in many ways but always indirectly an issue of characterization that we feel is best stated explicitly: in publishing its Special Election Editions in 1978, was the defendant spending or speaking? Plaintiff would answer the former and defendant would answer the latter. Both would, of course, be correct, but only partially so. Essentially,

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however, we agree with the defendant that the costs of the publications in question are more accurately characterized as speaking than spending and that in placing the FCPA in the FECA as new § 441b Congress did not intend to proscribe the type of expenditure made by the defendant in 1978.

Alternatively, and conditionally upon our having misinterpreted § 441b and § 431(9)(B)(i), we have observed the precept, "regulation of First Amendment rights is always subject to exacting judicial scrutiny", <u>Citizens Against</u> <u>Rent Control v. Berkeley</u>, <u>supra</u> at 298, and found that to apply the Federal Corrupt Practices Act, 2 U.S.C. § 441b, to defendant MCFL's 1978 Special Election Editions would violate its rights to freedom of speech, press and association under the First Amendment of the United States Constitution. Accordingly it is ordered that plaintiff's motion for summary judgment be denied and that defendant's motion be granted and that judgment be entered for the defendant dismissing the complaint.

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BY-LAWS OF

YOUNG AMERICANS FOR FREEDOM, INC.

ARTICLE ONE - NAME

Section 1. The name of this Corporation shall be Young Americans for Freedom, Inc.

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ARTICLE TWO - SEAL

<u>Section 1</u>. The seal of the Corporation shall be circular in form and shall bear the name of the Corporation, the year of its organization and the words, "Corporate Seal, Delaware."

ARTICLE THREE - PURPOSES

Young Americans for Freedom is a con-profit, non sectarian, non-partisan, voluntary membership Corporation. The objects or purposes to be promoted or carried on are:

Section 1. To instruct, train, invorm and educate the public on current national and local issues on subjects beneficial to the community consistent with and for the promotion of the principles outlined in the Sharon Statement (see below). In so doing, through public discussion groups, forums, panels, lectures and other similar programs through mail or on radio or television, an effort will be made to present a sufficiently full and fair exposition of the pertinent facts to permit an individual or the public to form an independent opinion or conclusion.

The Sharon Statement

That foremost among the transcendent values is the individual's use of his God-given free will, whence derives his right to be free from the restrictions of arbitrary force;

That liberty is indivisible, and that political freedom cannot long exist without economic freedom;

That the purposes of government are to protect these freedoms through the preservation of internal order, the provision of national defense, and the administration of justice;

That when government ventures beyond rightful functions, it accumulates power which tends to diminish order and liberty;

That the Constitution of the United States is the best arrangement yet devised for impowering government to fulfill its proper role, while restraining it from the concentration and abuse of power;

That the genius of the Constitution-the division of powers-is summed up in the clause which reserves primacy to the several states, or to the people, in those spheres not specifically delegated to the Federal government;

That the market economy, allocating resources by the free play of supply and demand, is the single economic system compatible with the requirements of personal freedom and constitutional government, and that it is at the same time the most productive supplier of human need;

That when the government interferes with the work of the market economy it tends to reduce the moral and physical strength of the nation; That when it takes from one man to bestow on another, it diminishes the incentive of the first, the integrity of the second, and the moral autonomy of both; 040545341

That we will be free only so long as the national sovereignty of the United States is secure; that history shows periods of freedom are rare, and can exist when free citizens concertedly defend their rights against all enemies; That the forces of international communism are, at present, the greatest single threat to these liberties; That the United States should stress victory over, rather than co-existence with, this menance;

and

That American foreign policy must be judged by this criterion: Does it serve the just interests of the United States?

Section 2. To promote social welfare and individual freedom; to study on a nonpartisan basis proposed legislation by the Congress of the United States, State Legislatures or local governing bodies, or other governmental bodies or agencie: affecting social and economic problems facing individuals; to support an allian of citizens interested in preserving and enhancing individual freedom for all Americans to support, propose or oppose such proposals affecting the individual

Section 3. To encourage the holding of regular public meetings by the national organization and local chapters for the presentation of panel discussions, lect film presentations or other educational material. In addition, YAF's education literature (books, articles, pamphlets, issue papers, etc.) will be distributed and made available to the public, with the objective of getting the widest poss audience. Through the national, regional and local chapter organizations, to m available, from time to time, additional educational literature, tapes, films a other research materials, to aid in obtaining quality speakers, public official business, journalistic and academic leaders; to maintain an ongoing contact wit all members and supporters relating to membership information, educational progand activities, and ideas for new research and activist educational civic progrand projects; and to raise the needed money through direct mail and other solic tations to finance these activities, educational programs and projects, etc.

Section 4. To sponsor, from time to time, national, regional and local seminar public meetings, conducted by lecturers, speakers and panels from various other organizations for the purpose of educating the public and providing local forum for alerting the public to legislative and other governmental actions imminent. planned or already operative, in promotion of the principles outlined in the S: statement (see above).

Section 5. To provide aid and information to students and such young people the out the nation who may desire it to assist them in achieving and maintaining the political realization of the beliefs stated in Section 1. of this Article.

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ARTICLE FOUR-MENBERSHIP

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<u>Section 1.</u> Any individual who is an American citizen, no older than 39 years of age and in agreement with the beliefs stated in Article Three, Section 1 of these By-Laws, may become a member of Young Americans for Freedom, Inc., upon completion of a membership form and payment of annual dues to the National Office.

<u>Section 2.</u> Any individual who is over 39 years of age, who is an American citizen and in agreement with the beliefs as stated in Article Three, Section 1 of these By-Laws may become an associate member of Young Americans for Freedom, Inc., upon completion of a membership form and payment of annual dues to the National Office.

Section 3. The National Chairman may refuse to accept an application for membership from, or suspend the membership or any individual who engages in activities which constitute anti-semitism, racism, facism, communism, religious discrimination or which are contrary to the interests of Young Americans for Freedop. The National Chairman's action under this section shall be subject to review by the Policy Committee. All powers granted in this section to the National Chairman or the Policy Committee are also granted to the Board of Directors and any decision of the Policy Committee shall be subject to review by the Board of Directors. All such action shall be communicated to the Board of Directors and to the individual concerned and the membership shall be revoked twenty (20) days after such communication, unless the member involved or any director shall object, in which case such action shall be final only upon approval of a 2/3 vote by the Board of Directors

<u>Section 4.</u> No personal benefits shall inure any member, director, or officer of the Corporation except that reasonable compensation may be paid for or on behalf of the Corporation.

Section 5. Each member and associate member of the Corporation shall pay dues in amounts to be established by action of the Board of Directors.

Section 6. Any member may terminate his membership by written resignation at any time.

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ARTICLE FIVE-BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Section 1. All powers of the Corporation shall be exercised by the Board of Directors who may delegate to officers and to committees of their own number such powers as they may see fit in addition to such powers as are specified in these By-Laws.

Section 2. The number of Directors which shall constitute the whole Board shall not exceed twenty-five (25).

<u>Section 3.</u> The Board of Directors shall elect from among the membership of the Corporation, seven (7) individuals who shall serve as Directors of the Corporation for a term of two (2) years and until their successors have been <u>elected and qualified</u>. They shall be elected at least sixty (60) days prior to the National Convention.

<u>Section 4.</u> The members of the Corporation within the Regions <u>shall elect</u> <u>biennially a Director</u> from each Region for a term of two (2) years, provided that Directors elected in this manner in 1977 shall serve only until new elections are held in the first 5 months of 1973. Thereafter, these elections shall be in the first 5 months of even numbered years.

<u>Section 5.</u> The National Convention delegates shall elect among the membership of the Corporation, nine (9) individuals who shall serve as . Directors of the Corporation for a term of two (2) years.

<u>Section 6.</u> To be eligible for election to the Board of Directors, under section 4 or 5 or this Article 5, a candidate must have been on the record date set for election pursuant to Article Thirteen, section 2, a Chapter Chairman, State Chairman, a member of the State Executive Committee, a Regional Representative, or a National Director.

Section 7. The Board of Directors shall meet at least twice a year at the call of the Chairman or a majority of the Policy Committee, and at a time and place specified in the call. Notice of all regular meetings shall be mailed to each director dot less than twenty one (21) days prior to the date of the meeting.

Section 3. On the written petition of eight (8) members of the Board of Direct such petition to be submitted to the National Chairman, the Board shall meet at the National Office of the Corporation not less than five (5) days nor more than fifteen (15) days after receipt of said petition by the National Chairman, to discuss and vote upon the specific issues raised by such petition.

Section 9. At all meetings of the Board of Directors, one-third of the membership of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum.

Section 10. Any vacancies occuring on the Board of Directors may be filled by a majority vote of the Directors than in office.

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Section 11. No individual employed as a full-time regularly salaried employee

of Young Americans for Freedom, Inc., or any regional unit thereof, may serve as an officer or director of the Corporation, provided that mothing herein shall prohibit temporary employment not exceeding 3 months in any . 12 month period.

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Section 12. Any Director may terminate his membership on the Board by written resignation at any time.

Section 13. A director may be removed from the Board for just cause by twothirds vote of those Directors present and voting at any officially constitute: meeting of the Board, provided that twenty-one (21) days notice of such proposed action is given to the members of the Board. In cases of removal, the action of the Board shall be final.

Section 14. All members of the Board shall serve from the time of their election until their successors are elected (all other provisions of these By-Laws to the contrary notwithstanding)

<u>Section 15.</u> The Board of Directors may hold their meetings and keep, the books of the Corporation outside of the State of Delaware.

<u>Section 16.</u> Notice of any meeting of the Board of Directors need not be given to any Director if it be waived by him in writing, whether before or after such meeting is held, or if he is present at such meeting, except where a Director attends a meeting for the express purpose of objecting to the transaction of business because the meeting is not lawfully called or convened; and any meeting of the Board shall be a legal meeting without notice thereof havinbeen given, if all of the Directors are either present thereat or waive notice thereof.

Section 17. Any action which may be taken by the Board of Directors may be taken without a meeting if a consent in writing, setting forth the action so to be taken, shall be signed by all the Directors. Such consent shall have the same effect as a unanimous vote.

Section 18. No notice shall be required for the organizational meeting of the Board of Directors which shall be held immediately after the election of Board members by the National Convention.

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ARTICLE SIX-OFFICERS

Section 1. The general officers of the Corporation shall be the National Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary, and Treasurer, who must be members of the Board of Directors.

<u>Section 2.</u> The National Chairman shall be elected by the National Convention delegates for a two (2) year term subject to removal for just cause by an affirmative vote of three-fourths (3/4) of the entire Board of Directors. He must previously, and at the time of his election, be a member of the Board. The other general officers shall be elected by the Board of Directors for a two (2) year term, subject to the removal from their offices but not from the Board of Directors. All general officers shall be elected at the organizational meeting of the Board of Directors, or at Adjournments or continuances thereof. They shall serve until the election of their successors.

Section 3. The National Chairman shall be the Chairman of the Board of Directo senior officer of the Corporation, and shall determine the policy and have general supervision of the affairs of the Corporation subject to the direction of the Board of Directors. The National Chairman shall preside at all meetings of the Corporation, Board of Directors, and Policy Committee. He shall appoint subject to the approval of the Board of Directors, all committees, temporary or standing. He shall see that all books, records, reports and certificates as required by law are properly filed or kept, and he shall have sole authority to contract for professional personnel to assist with such matters. He shall have-authority to exercise the powers granted by Article Seventeen, Section Che of these By-Laws, and he shall be one of the officers who may sign checks or drafts of the Corporation provided that such drafts or checks are also signed by one other person authorized by the Board of Directors.

Section 4. The Vice-Chairmen shall serve as Chairman in case of the disability illness, death or absence of the Chairman, until a successor is elected.

Section 5. The Secretary shall attend all meetings of the Board of Directors and Policy Committee; shall record all of the proceedings and votes of these meetings, and may sign the notices of the meetings thereof. The Secretary, shall keep the minutes and records of the Corporation in appropriate books. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to file any certificate required by any statute, federal or state. He shall give and serve all notices to members of the Corporation, shall perform, in general, the duties incident to the offic of Secretary subject to control of the National Chairman, Board of Directors, and the provisions of the By-Laws. The Secretary shall be one of the officers authorized to sign checks or drafts of the Corporation provided that such draft or checks are also signed by one other authorized Director.

Section 6. The Treasurer shall have the care and custody of the corporation funds and securities and shall keep full and accurate accounts of the receipts and disbursements of all monies received and paid by him on account of the Corporation; he shall exhibit such books of account and records to any of the Directors at any time upon request at the office of the Corporation and shall render a detailed statement to the Directors as often as they shall require it. He shall cause to be deposited in such regular business bank or trust comp. as the Board of Directors may authorize the funds of the Corporation.

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Section 7. If a vacancy shall occur in any office of the Corporation, the ... Board of Directors shall elect a successor to complete the unexpired term.

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ARTICLE SEVEN--POLICY COMMITTEE

Section 1. The Policy Committee shall consist of the National Chairman, Vice-Chairman, the Treasurer, the Secretary, and three members at large elected by the Board of Directors from its own membership. At meetings of the Policy Committee, the National Chairman shall preside, or in his absence, the Vice-Chairman, or a chairman protempore elected by the Cormittee. Section 2. The Policy Committee shall have the power, when the Board of Directors is not in session; to take any action within the power of the Board, except upon such matters as may be by Iaw, or these By-Laws, require action by the Board of Directors itself. Notice of all actions taken by the Policy Committee shall be given to all members of the Board of Directors. Section 3. All decisions of the Policy Committee shall be subject to sub-Section 4. Meetings of the Policy Committee may be called by the National Chairman or shall be called by the Secretary at the request of any two members of the Committee. Notice of all Policy Committee meetings shall be mailed to each member of the Committee not less than seven (7), days prior to the date of the neeting Section 5. A quorum for the Policy Con mittee shall be five (5) members ÷. A. A. A. 19 14

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<u>Section 1.</u> The Chairman of standing committees, approved by the Board of Directors, may be selected from inside or outside the Board of Directors.

Section 2. There shall be an Advisory Board. The Advisory Board and its Chairman shall be appointed by the National Chairman subject to approval of the Board of Directors. Prominent individuals may be invited to serve on the Advisory Board. Such members will serve only in an advisory capacity with no voting privileges.

<u>Section 3.</u> The Chairman shall appoint, subject to the approval of the Board of Directors, the editor of THE NEW GUARD, the official publication of Young Americans for Freedom, Inc.

ARTICLE NINE--REGIONS

Section 1. For organizational purposes, geographic regions shall be established by resolution of the Board of Directors.

Section 2. The National Chairman may appoint a regional representative of the Corporation in each Region to be known by that title. Such appointment must be approved by a majority of the members of the Board of Directors from that Region. The duties of such representatives shall be prescribed by the National Chairman and he shall carry out his duties under the supervision of the National Executive Director.

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ARTICLE TER--STATE CRGANIZATIONS

Section 1. The Corporation has the obligation of establishing state organizations for the purpose of building local chapters and coordinating state projects.

Section 2. The National Chairman, after consultation with appropriate national, state, and local leadership of Young Americans for Freedom shall appoint all state chairman subject to review by the Board of Directors. Each state chairman shall serve for a term of six months, subject to removal by national chairman for cause. State chairman shall be eligible for reappointment.

<u>Section 3.</u> The State Chairman shall have general supervision of the affairs of the Corporation in his state consistent with the National Policies of Young Americans for Freedom. The State Chairman shall appoint all other officers of the state organization, including the members of the State Exacutive Committee who shall serve at his pleasure. He may not authorize the election of an officer or official of Young Americans for Freedom unless such election is authorized by these By-Laws.

Section 4. The Board of Directors may, by resolution, establish duties to be performed by the State Chairman.

<u>Section 5.</u> In no event shall the Corporation be liable for debts incurred by State organizations or officers.

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<u>Section 6.</u> Under no circumstances may a state organization incorporate under the laws of its state.

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ARTICLE ELEVEN-CHAPTERS

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Section 1. The Corporation may charter local chapters which shall carry out, subject to the direction of the State Chairman, activities within its own area directed toward furthering the purposes of Young Americans for Freedom, Inc. No chapter may engage in activities which constitute antisemitism, racism, facism, communism, religious discrimination or anything contrary to the Sharon Scatement, in conflict with the National By-Laws, or contrary to the interests of Young Americans for Freedom.

<u>Section 2.</u> Five (5) or more members of Young Americans for Freedom, Inc. may apply to the National Office for a charter as a chapter of Young Americans for Freedom, Inc.

Section 3. A charter may be issued by the National Chairman, after consultation with the appropriate State Chairman. Unless exception is taken in writing, within fifteen (15) days, by one of the above persons, from the date the charter application is mailed to the State Chairman for approval, the charter shall be issued by the National Chairman.

Section 4. If exception is taken to the decision of the Mational or State Chairman in accordance with Section 3 of this Article, an appeal may be made to the Policy Committee. It shall be the responsibility of the Mational Chairman to obtain full particulars of the case at issue. The charter may be approved by a three-fifths vote of the Policy Committee.

<u>Section 5.</u> Chartered chapters shall draft their own By-Laws in accordance with the National By-Laws. Chapters shall file a copy of their By-Laws with the State Chairman and the National Office.

Section 6. All voting members and/or officers of a chapter must be members of Young Americans for Freedom, Inc., as constituted in Article Four, Section 1.

Section 7. No chapter may use the name of an existing chapter in the same state. No chapter may use a word denoting any of the following geographical areas without the approval of the State Chairman: "county," "Congressional district," "metropolitan" or "greater".

<u>Section 8.</u> Names of chapters, or changes in the names of chapters, are subject to review of the National Board of Directors.

Section 9. Any and all statements and any and all activities carried out by a chapter must be done in the name of that local chapter.

Section 10. It is the obligation and responsibility of newly elected chapter officers to notify the State Chairman and National Chairman of any changes of chapter officers.

Section 11. Chapter officers are responsible for the debts incurred on behalf of the local chapter. Neither the Corporation or the state organization is in any way responsible for debts of a chapter.

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Section 12. The charter of any chapter operating in a manner contrary to the By-Laws of the Corporation may be revoked or suspended by a fivesevenths vote of the Policy Committee, subject to ratification by two-thirds vote of the Board of Directors at its next meeting.

Section 13. Under no circumstances may a chapter incorporate under the laws of its state.

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ARTICLE THELVE-COUNCILS

Section 1. Councils may organized for the purposes of coordinating the activities of chapters. A council must apply for a charter from the National Office in same manner as a chapter.

Section 2. Councils composed solely of high schools and college chapters must use the word "student" in the official council name.

Section 3. All councils shall be governed by the provisions of Article Eleven, Sections 3 through 14 inclusive where applicable.

Section 4. The State Chairman must approve the membership on the council of each individual chapter, and he shall appoint all officers of the council, who shall serve at his pleasure.

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ARTICLE THIRTEEN-NATIONAL CONVENTION

Section 1. A National Convention shall be held biennially (every 2 years) to transact such business as may be submitted to it by the Board of Directors and to conduct such elections as provided in Article Five, Section 5 and Article Six, Section 2.

Section 2. The time, place and rules of such Convention shall be determined by the Board of Directors.

Section 3. The National Chairman shall give forty-five (45) days notice of the Convention and the place where it is to be held to State Chairman and Chapter Chairman.

Section 4. Each chapter chartered in accordance with these 3y-Laws shall be allowed one (1) delegate to represent the members of the chapter at the National Convention. Each chapter shall be entitled to one (1) <u>additional</u> delegate for each ten (10) members beyond the first five (5) members. A chapter shall not be entitled to any delegates if it has not been chartered for a continuous period of at least ninety (90) days prior to the date of the National Convention.

<u>Section 5.</u> Each state organization shall be allowed one (1) delegate at large, and an additional delegate at large for each full fifty (50) members of the Corporation residing therein, according to the records of the Corporation.

Section 6. Each member of the Board of Directors shall have one (1) delegate vote at the National Convention.

Section 7. No delegate may cast more than one vote, nor may any person vote by proxy. Councils are not entitled to any delegate votes. Every delegate must be a member of the Corporation, having complied with all the requirements of Article Four of the By-Laws.

<u>Section 8.</u> The Board of Directors shall by resolution determine a record date at which the <u>membership rolls</u> of the Corporation shall be closed for the purpose of determining the delegate allocation in accord with these By-Laws.

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Section 9. Delegates to all regional conferences shall be selected in accordance with sections 4, 5, 7, and 8 of article 13.

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ARTICLE FOURTEEN-OFFICES

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Section 1. An office of the Corporation shall be located in the Sity of Wilmington, State of Delaware.

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<u>Section 2.</u> The Corporation may also have offices at such other places, either within or without the State or Delaware, as the Board of Directors may from time to time determine.

<u>Section 3.</u> The principal office of the Corporation shall be located in or near the District of Columbia.

ARTICLE FIFTEEN-FUNDS AND SECURITIES

Section 1. The Board of Directors may authorize any officer or officers, in the name of and on behalf of the Corporation, to enter into any contrast or execute and deliver any instrument, or to sign checks, drafts, or other oriers for the payment of money or notes or other evidences of indebtedness, and such authority may be general or confined to specific instances; and, unless so authorized by the Board of Directors or by these By-Laws, no officer shall have the power or authority to bind the Corporation by any contract or engagement or to render it pacuniarily liable for any purposes or to any amount.

<u>Section 2.</u> No loan shall be contracted on behalf of the Corporation and no negotiable paper shall be issued in its name unless authorized by the vote of the Board of Directors or by these 3y-Laws. When authorized by the Board of Directors to do so, any officer of the Corporation may effect loans and advances at any time for the Corporation from any bank, trust company, or other institution, or frot any firm, corporation or individual. Such authority may be general or confined to specific instances.

<u>Section 3.</u> All funds of the Corporation not otherwise employed shall be deposited from time to time to the credit of the Corporation in such banks, trust companies, or other depositories as the Board of Directors may select; or as may be selected by any officer or officers of the Corporation to whom such power may from time to time be delegated by the Board of Directors or by these By-Laws.

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ARTICLE SEVENTEEN-SCTICES

Whenever, under the provisions of these By-Laws, the Certificate of Incorporation, or any statute, notice is required to be given to any Director, officer, or member, it shall not be construed to be a personal notice, but such notice may be given in writing by mail or talegram, addressed to such officer, Director, or member at such address as appears on the books of the Corporation. Any Director, officer, or member may waive any notice required to be given by law, the Certificate of Incorporation, or these By-Laws.

ARTICLE EIGHTEEN--PARLIMENTARY PROCEDURE

All matters not covered by the By-Laws of the Corporation shall be governed by Roberts Rules of Order Revised.

ARTICLE NINETEEN-AMENDMENTS

Section 1. The Board of Directors, by vote of two-thirds of the entire Board of Directors, may amend the By-Laws, provided that each member of the Board of Directors be given twenty-one (21) days notice of the substance of the proposes changes. LAW OFFICES CANTER, KENT & SULLIVAN 2020 K STREET. N. W., SUITE 350 WASHINGTON, D. C. 20006

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Ms. Judy Thedford Office of General Counsel Federal Election Commission 1325 K Street, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20463



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

MEMORANDUM TO:

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CHARLES N. STEELE GENERAL COUNSEL MARJORIE W. EMMONS/SUSAN M. TEIR JULY 13, 1984 MUR 1707 - COMPREHENSIVE INVESTIGATIVE

REPORT #1 signed July 11, 1984

The above-named document was circulated to the Commission on a 24 hour no-objection basis at 4:00 on July 12, 1984. There were no objections to the Report at the time of the deadline.



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BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION FRICE OF THE COMMISSION SECRETARY

In the Matter of

Young Americans for Freedom Young Americans for Freedom Political Action Committee Robert E. Dolan, Treasurer

MUR 17 94 JUL 12 A9: 57

Comprehensive Investigative Report #1

On May 21, 1984, the Commission found reason to believe Young Americans for Freedom ("YAF") violated 2 U.S.C. § 44lb(a) and § 44ld and Young Americans for Freedom Political Action Committee ("YAFPAC") and Robert E. Dolan, as treasurer, violated 2 U.S.C. § 434. At that time an investigation was initiated by sending interrogatories and a request for documents to YAF.

YAF-PAC has requested an extension of 17 days in which to respond to the reason to believe finding. The extension was granted. Accordingly, YAF-PAC's response was submitted on Monday, July 9, 1984.

YAF has failed to respond to the Commission's May 21 notification previously sent to it by the Commission. On June 27, 1984, the May 21st letter enclosing interrogatories and a request for documents was re-directed to YAF in care of a new director at a new address. Should YAF fail to response within a reasonable time to the interrogatories and request for documents orders and subpoenas will be sent to YAF.

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Charles N. Steele General Counsel BY:

Kenneth A. Gross Associate General Counsel



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

July 18, 1984

MacKenzie Canter, III Canter, Kent & Sullivan 2020 K Street, N.W. Suite 350 Washington, D.C. 20006

> RE: MUR 1707 (Young Americans For Freedom)

Dear Mr. Canter:

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This is to acknowledge receipt of your July 11, 1984, letter confirming an extension of time in which to respond to the reason to believe notification and interrogatories sent to your client, Young Americans for Freedom. As stated in your July 10, 1984, telephone conversation, the additional time is necessary to compile the information needed to answer the interrogatories. Accordingly, the extension has been granted and your response is due Tuesday, July 31, 1984.

If you have any questions, please contact Judy Thedford at (202) 523-4000.

Sincerely,

Charles N. Steele General Counsel Kenneth A.

Kenneth A. Gross Associate General Counsel

By:

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July 11, 1984

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OF COUNSEL PERRIN A. RENT (DC) BRUCE W. RADFORD (VA, DC) MARVEY S. WILLIAMS (VA, MD)

> Judy Thedford, Esquire Federal Election Commission 1325 K Street, N.W. Washington, D.C.

> > Re:

MUR 1707 Young Americans for Freedom, Inc. Woodland Road, P.O. Box 1001 Sterling, Virginia

Dear Ms. Thedford:

This letter shall confirm our conversation of yesterday in which the respondent identified above was granted an extension until the end of July, 1984, in which to answer the interrogatories propounded with the notice of complaint.

The respondent was also granted an extension until the end of July to show cause why the Commission should not find reason to believe that a violation of the Federal Election Compaign Act has occurred.

I have enclosed the original designation of counsel form, executed by an officer of the respondent, for your records.

Also, please be advised, at your convenience, following receipt by you of the respondent's answer to interrogatories, the respondent wishes to enter into pre-finding conciliation discussions.

Also, as we discussed, I will alter the interrogatories to show that they are addressed to the Treasurer of the respondent, Mr. Cannon, and not to Mr. Lesley who is no longer an officer of the corporation.

Please call me if you have any questions.

Yours very truly,

MacKenzie Canter, III

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cc: Mr. Richard Hahn Mr. Ralph Galliano

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STATEMENT OF DESIGNATION OF COUNSEL

1707 MUR ADDRESS:

NAME OF COUNSEL: MACKENZIE CANTER CANTER, KENT + Sullivan #350, 2020 K St NW Washington, DC 20006 (202) 801-0740

TELEPHONE:

The above-named individual is hereby designated as my counsel and is authorized to receive any notifications and other communications from the Commission and to act on my behalf before the Commission.

RESPONDENT'S NAME:

Dir. of Operations

Young Americans for Freedom Woodland Rd. Sterling, VA 22170 NA (703)...-(703) 450 -5/62

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

July 3, 1984

MacKenzie Canter, III Canter, Kent & Sullivan 2020 K Street, NW Suite 350 Washington, DC 20006

> RE: MUR 1707 Young Americans For Freedom Political Action Committee

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Dear Mr. Canter:

This is in reference to your letter dated July 2, 1984, requesting an additional extension of seven days to respond to the Commission's reason to believe notification. After considering the circumstances presented in your letter, the Commission has determined to grant you your requested extension. Accordingly, your response will be due on Monday, July 9, 1984.

If you have any questions, please contact Judy Thedford at (202)523-4000.

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Sincerely,

Charles N. Steele General Counsel BY: Kenneth Associate General Counsel

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July 2, 1984

Ms. Judy Thedford Office of General Counsel Federal Election Commission 1325 K Street, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20463

> RE: MUR 1707 Young Americans for Freedom Political Action Committee

Dear Ms. Thedford:

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Young Americans for Freedom Political Action Committee was to provide the FEC with its 1982 year End Report and reports of receipts and disbursements for calendar years 1983 and 1984. However, our office has had difficulties in obtaining the financial data required to complete the reports despite our diligent efforts.

It is anticipated that the required information will be obtained shortly and the reports will be filed within the next few days.

Therefore, we are requesting an extension of time, until Monday, July 9, 1984, in which to comply with MUR 1707.

Your assistance in this matter is appreciated.

Yours very truly,

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MacKenzie Canter, III

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

June 27, 1984

Young Americans for Freedom c/o Richard Hahn Box 1002 Woodland Road Sterling, Virginia 22170

> RE: MUR 1707 Young Americans for Freedom

Dear Mr. Hahn:

On May 24, 1984, the attached notification was sent to Edward Lesley stating that the Commission found reason to believe Young Americans for Freedom violated 2 U.S.C. § 441b(a) and § 441d, provisions of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended ("the Act"). At that time, Mr. Lesley was requested to supply specific information in connection with the alleged violations (see enclosed Interrogatories and Request for Documents).

As of this date, we have not received a response on behalf of Young Americans for Freedom. As it appears that the May 24, 1984, letter was lost in the mail, we request that the information specified in the May 24 letter be submitted within fifteen days of receipt of this letter.

If you have any questions, please direct them to Judy Thedford, at (202) 523-4000.

Sincerely,

Charles N. Steele General Counsel Kenneth A. Gross By:

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Enclosures

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

May 24, 1984

Edward Lesley National Director Young Americans for Freedom Woodland Road Washington, D.C. 20009

> Re: MUR 1707 Young Americans for Freedom

Dear Mr. Lesley:

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n B On May 21, 1984, the Federal Election Commission determined that there is reason to believe Young Americans for Freedom violated 2 U.S.C. § 441b(a) and § 441d, provisions of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended ("the Act"). The General Counsel's factual and legal analysis, which formed a basis for the Commission's finding, is attached for your information.

Under the Act, you have an opportunity to demonstrate that no action should be taken against your organization. You may submit any factual or legal materials which you believe are relevant to the Commission's consideration of this matter. Please submit any such materials, along with your answers to the enclosed guestions, within ten days of your receipt of this letter. Statements should be submitted under oath.

In the absence of any additional information which demonstrates that no further action should be taken against your organization, the Commission may find probable cause to believe that a violation has occurred and proceed with conciliation. Of course, this does not preclude the settlement of this matter through conciliation prior to a finding of probable cause to believe if so desired. See 11 C.F.R. § 111.18(d).

If you intend to be represented by counsel in this matter, please advise the Commission by completing the enclosed form Letter to Young Americans for Freedom Page 2

stating the name, address and telephone number of such counsel, and a statement authorizing such counsel to receive any notifications and other communications from the Commission.

The investigation now being conducted will be confidential in accordance with 2 U.S.C. §§ 437g(a)(4)(B) and 437g(a)(12)(A), unless you notify the Commission in writing that you wish the investigation to be made public.

For your information, we have attached a brief description of the Commission's procedures for handling possible violations of the Act. If you have any questions, please contact Beverly Kramer, the staff member assigned to this matter, at (202)523-4143.

Sincerely, 1 Ellertt Lee Ann Elliott

Chairman

Enclosures Interrogatories and Request for Documents General Counsel's Factual and Legal Analysis Procedures

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Designation of Counsel Statement

Interrogatories and Request for Documents from Mr. Edward Lesley National Director of Young Americans for Freedom

The Federal Election Commission requests that you as National Director of Young Americans for Freedom or your authorized agent having knowledge of the information sought herein submit in writing, under oath, within ten days, responses to the following questions. Questions regarding "the letter(s)" refer to an undated letter sent over the signature of Secretary of Agriculture John R. Block on behlaf of the Young Americans for Freedom, a copy of which is attached hereto and marked Exhibit A.

1. State your name, address and principal place of business.

2. List your position, duties and responsibilities with Young Americans for Freedom.

3. Describe the form of organization that Young Americans for Freedom represents (e.g., corporation, corporation without capitol stock, membership organization).

 If applicable, provide copies of the articles of incorporation and bylaws pertaining to Young Americans for Freedom.

- 5. If your answer to question 3, above, is membership organization, state the requirements of membership in the Young Americans for Freedom. If the requirements are in writing, provide a copy of the materials in which the requirements appear.
 - 6. If your answer to question 3, above, is membership organization, state the number of individuals who are currently members of Young Americans for Freedom.

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Page 2 Interrogatories for Request for Documents

7. On what date or dates was the letter mailed?

8. How many of the letters were mailed?

9. To whom were the letters mailed? (e.g., general public, members, stockholders, executive and administrative personnel of Young Americans for Freedom)

10. State who paid for all costs in connection with the mailing of the letter. In this connection, please identify each account from which disbursements were made including the account number, the name and address of the finiancial institution at which the account is or was maintained, the name of the account and the type of the account.

11. What was the total cost expended in the mailing of the letter (stationery, printing, postage, mailing list, etc.)?

12. What amount of money was received as a result of the mailing of the letter?

13. How was the money used which was received as a result of the mailing of the letter?

14. Provide the names and addresses of the Officers, employees or agents of Young Americans for Freedom who were involved in the sending of the letter (excluding the names and addresses of clerical staff).

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Of the Secretary Of R. Block U.S. Department of Agriculture

PERSONAL BUSINESS

Dear Friend,

On behalf of Young Americans for Freedom, I am pleased to present you with the enclosed official White House photograph of President Ronald Reagan.

I hope that you will accept this picture in appreciation for all the support which you have given to President Reagan.

To verify that you received the enclosed photograph in good condition, I would like to ask you to return the enclosed "Verification" slip to me. If your photo is scratched, folded or otherwise damaged, another copy will be forwarded to you immediately.

So please, if there's anything wrong with the enclosed photo, let me know so that I can see that it is replaced. Thank you.

Oh yes, there is one other thing that you can do, which I think would greatly please President Reagan. As a member of his Cabinet, I know that he would greatly appreciate a personal word of encouragement from you.

Believe me, I know how hard it is to take the bitter attacks which he endures each and every day from the liberals and their allies in the news media. That's why your note of encouragement would mean so much to him.

Use the enclosed postcard (or better yet your own stationary) to tell him in your own words how much you appreciate the job he is doing. Thanks.

Now I'd like to tell you why I personally believe that the next few months are going to be critically important for the future of this country which you and I love.

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The powerful forces arrayed against Ronald 2 1930 Reagan are poised to drive him from the White House in 1984.

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The election is going to be a head to head struggle between those who cherish America and Her traditions of freedom versus those who would destroy the American way of life as you and I have known it.

Make no mistake about it, the liberal Democrat who opposes Ronald Reagan for the Fresidency will carry forward the same bankrupt policies of high taxes and big spending.

Unlike President Reagan, the Democrats want to centralize more power in Washington, D.C.

Incredibly, they seek a return to the same policies which brought us interest rates in excess of 20% and inflation of more than 13%.

Their answer to the growing threat from Communist Russia is appeasement and unilateral disarzament.

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The choice will be between the return to the failed policies of FDR and Jimmy Carter or the conservative program of Ronald Reagan.

If the issues were presented fairly I believe the American people would overwhelmingly reject liberalism. But unfortunately, Ronald Reagan will be facing a stacked deck.

How can he hope to have his side of the story presented honestly by a biased news media? It 00 just won't happen.

.That's why this letter to you is so urgent and extremely important.

Since you and I don't have access to a fair and impartial news media, we must seek another means of presenting the true story to America.

And there is one group that I believe can best accorplish this Herculean effort. That group is

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Young Americans for Freedom.

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00 00 As President Reagan will tell you himself, there has been no other group as loyal to him and his principles as Young Americans for Freedom.

When Ronald Reagan was Governor of California he knew that he could always count on the members of YAF to support his policies and programs. Today, with nearly 100,000 members on 650 college and university campuses, Young Americans for Freedom is ready to spread the message of Ronald Reagan's accomplishments to the American people.

YAF has the troops to promote Ronald Reagan and his programs from coast to coast.

Through literature, news articles, appearances on T.V. and radio talk shows, bumper stickers, posters and debates, YAF members are prepared to bring President Reagan's vital message to loyal Americans.

And on our college campuses YAF members are ready to counter the anti-American and anti-Reagan radicals that breed there.

And, it is my personal view that <u>now</u> is the time for Young Americans for Freedom to take action. Before the liberals are successful in distorting and misrepresenting Ronald Reagan's programs. Before it is too late.

But unfortunately a vital effort such as I've described takes money. Lots of money.

Even a simple news release takes money for printing, postage and envelopes.

And the sad fact is, while the liberals and their myriad of leftist organizations are feeding at the public trough on your tax dollars, the members of Young Americans for Freedom are totally dependent on you and me for support.

And YAF was hard hit by the Democrat's recession.

Thousands upon thousands of patriotic young

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men and women are ready to answer the call, but the truth is, the funds simply aren't there to pay for the literature and training sessions which must be held if Ronald Reagan is to succeed.

It's terribly unfair. But it is the situation we face.

That's why I hope you will help today.

Because I know that you love your country deeply, I hope that you will find a way to support these deserving young men and women.

Can you send \$15 today for this special project?

In fact, if you can send much more then I certainly hope that you will.

If you can send \$10,000 do it. Or \$1,000 or \$100.

But, if you could at least send \$15, it would Ngive a tremendous boost to this most worthwhile cause.

I hope that you will support the fine young men in and women of Young Americans for Freedom with your dollars.

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They need your encouragement and they need your financial help. Won't you please send your check today?

Believe me, the future of our nation is at stake.

Sincerely. Black

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P.S. Don't forget to let me know whether or not your full color photo of President Reagan arrived in good condition. Remember, if it didn't, I'll make certain that a replacement is shipped immediately. And, if you possibly can, send along a contribution to Young Americans for Freedom for at least \$15. Without your gift, they can't succeed. God bless you.

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

GENERAL COUNSEL'S FACTUAL AND LEGAL ANALYSIS

Respondent: Young Americans for Freedom MUR No. 1707

GENERATION OF MATTER

On March 2, 1984, the Department of Justice referred to the Federal Election Commission evidence of a possible violation of 2 U.S.C. § 441d in connection with a fundraising solicitation sent over the signature of Secretary of Agriculture John R. Block on behalf of an organization called the "Young Americans for Freedom." The evidence was discovered by the Department during its review of a complaint pertaining to violations of the great seal statute, 18 U.S.C. § 713. The Department of Justice retains jurisdiction over the aspect of the matter involving violations of 18 U.S.C. § 713.

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SUMMARY OF ALLEGATIONS

The evidence submitted by the Department of Justice raises two principal issues:

 By using corporate treasury funds to make expenditures in connection with federal elections, the Young Americans for Freedom violated 2 U.S.C. § 441b(a).

2. By failing to include the required disclaimer stating the name of the person who paid for a direct mail solicitation and whether or not the communication had been authorized by any candidate or candidate committee, the Young Americans for Freedom violated 2 U.S.C. § 441d.

FACTUAL BASIS AND LEGAL ANALYSIS

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The Department of Justice has submitted to the Commission a letter sent over the signature of Secretary of Agriculture John R. Block on behalf of the Young Americans for Freedom. According to information received by the Department, the letter was composed by, or with the assistance of, the direct mail firm of Bruce Eberle and Associates on behalf of the Young Americans for Freedom.

The letter solicits its readers to send contributions of up to \$10,000 to the Young Americans for Freedom to enable that organization to "promote Ronald Reagan and his programs" in the upcoming 1984 presidential election. Enclosed with the letter is an official White House photograph of President Ronald Reagan and a postcard for sending a "note of encouragement" to President Ronald Reagan. The letter, which appears to advocate President Reagan's reelection and which solicits contributions towards that end, does not reflect who paid for the communication and whether or not the communication was authorized by any candidate or candidate committee. Recipients of the solicitation are requested to reply to Secretary Block in care of Young Americans for Freedom at Woodland Road, Washington, D.C. 20009. The letter also requests that all checks be made payable to "YAF, Woodland Rd., Washington, D.C." The specific date or dates on which the solicitation was mailed are unknown. To whom the solicitation was mailed and the costs involved in the publication and mailing of the solicitation are also unknown.

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Information received by the Department of Justice reveals the names of two officials within the Young Americans for Freedom organization who appear to have been involved in the publication and mailing of the fundraising letter. The named individuals are Mr. Edward Lesley, National Director of Young Americans for Freedom, and Mr. Robert Dolan, identified as the Chairman of Young Americans for Freedom.

Commission records identify Mr. Robert E. Dolan as treasurer of a registered political committee named "Young Americans for Freedom Political Action Committee" ("the Committee"). The mailing address of the Committee is Woodland Road, Box 1002, Sterling, Virginia, 22170. The committee is registered with the Commission as the separate segregated fund of Young Americans for Freedom. The Committee's Statement of Organization lists Young Americans for Freedom as a corporation. The Clerk's Office in the State of Virginia lists Young Americans for Freedom as a nonstock corporation.

II. Legal Analysis

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1. Use of Corporate Treasury Funds to make Expenditures in Connection with Federal Elections.

2 U.S.C. § 441b(a) makes "[i]t unlawful for any ... corporation whatever, or any labor organization to make a contribution or expenditure in connection with any [federal] election." The terms "contribution or expenditure" are defined broadly to include "any direct or indirect payment, distribution, loan, advance, deposit, or gift of money, or any services, or anything of value..." 2 U.S.C. § 441b(b)(2).

The general prohibition, however, is subject to limited exceptions. One such exception allows corporations, labor organizations, coopertives and corporations without capital stock to use treasury funds to establish, administer, and solicit contributions to "separate segregated funds to be utilized for political purposes." 2 U.S.C. § 441b(b)(2)(C). These organizations may not, however, contribute to the separate segregated funds <u>1</u>/ nor may they solicit contributions to their funds from the general public. They may solicit contributions only from limited classes connected with the soliciting organization.

In the case of a corporation, 2 U.S.C. § 441b(b)(4) allows solicitation of a corporation's stockholders and their families and its executive and administrative personnel and their families. Furthermore, 2 U.S.C. § 441b(b)(4)(c) allows a corporation without capital stock to solicit contributions to its separate segregated fund from members of such corporation.

The documentation submitted by the Department of Justice provides evidence that the Young Americans for Freedom violated

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<u>1/ See Pipefitters Local Union No. 562 v. United States</u>, 407 U.S. 385, 428-32 (1972)

2 U.S.C. § 441b(a). Specifically, it appears that the Young Americans for Freedom, a non-stock corporation, made expenditures in connection with a federal election in violation of § 441b(a). The expenditures consist of the costs involved in the publication and distribution of a direct mail communication which appears to advocate the reelection of President Ronald Reagan in the upcoming 1984 presidential election and which solicits contributions towards that end.

The above-referenced expenditures do not appear to fall within the exempted category of expenditures provided in 2 U.S.C. § 441b(b)(2)(c). Nowhere in the letter is there any language suggesting that the solicitation is made on behalf of the separate segregated fund of Young Americans for Freedom. All references are to the corporation itself. The letter repeatedly states that it is sent on behalf of the Young Americans for Freedom and that contributions solicited should be made to Young Americans for Freedom. In addition, there is nothing in the letter to suggest that it was sent only to the corporation's solicitable class of individuals. The letter begins with the salutation of "Dear Friend" and contains none of the disclaimers required by 11 C.F.R. § 114.5(a) (5).

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Based on the foregoing, the Office of General Counsel recommends that the Commission open a Matter Under Review and find reason to believe that Young Americans for Freedom violated 2 U.S.C. § 441b(a).

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2. Failure to Include Section 441d Disclaimer on Solicitation

2 U.S.C. § 441d requires that any direct mail solicitation bear a disclaimer stating the name of the person who paid for the communication and whether or not the communication was authorized by any candidate or candidate committee.

Information contained in the subject communication indicates that Young Americans for Freedom was responsible for the publication and mailing of a direct mail solicitation. In that the solicitation fails to reflect who paid for or authorized the communication, we recommend that the Commission find reason to believe that Young Americans for Freedom violated 2 U.S.C. § 441d.

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

June 27, 1984

Mackenzie Canter, III Canter, Kent & Sullivan 2020 K Street, N.W. Suite 350 Washington, D.C. 20006

> Re: MUR 1707 Young Americans for Freedom Political Action Committee

Dear Mr. Canter:

This is in reference to your letter dated June 5, 1984, requesting an extension of ten days to respond to the Commission's reason to believe notification. After considering the circumstances presented in your letter, the Commission has determined to grant you your requested extension. Accordingly, your response will be due on Monday, July 2, 1984.

If you have any questions, please contact Judy Thedford at (202) 523-4000.

Sincerely,

Charles N. Steele General Counsel By: / Kenneth A. Gross

Associate General Counsel

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June 5, 1984

Beverly Kramer, Esq. Federal Election Commission Office of the General Counsel 1325 K Street, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20463

> Re: MUR 1707 Young Americans for Freedom Political Action Committee Robert E. Dolan, Treasurer

Dear Ms. Kramer:

Enclosed herewith is a Statement of Designation of Counsel executed by Robert E. Dolan, Chairman of Young Americans for Freedom.

As we discussed, my client did not receive your letter of May 24 until the last week of May. I just received a copy of it on Friday.

I respectfully request a 10 day extension of time to respond to your letter. I am in the process of gathering data to file the missing FEC reports which due to an oversight were not filed.

Yours very truly, enzie Canter, III

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STATEMENT OF DESIGNATION OF COUNSEL

MUR 1707		
NAME OF COUNSEL:	MacKenzie Canter, III	
ADDRESS :	2020 K Street, N.W.,	. ത
	Suite 350	AIO
	Washington, D.C. 20006	~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~
TELEPHONE .	(202) 861-0740	9

• The above-named individual is hereby designated as my counsel and is authorized to receive any notifications and other communications from the Commission and to act on my behalf before the Commission.

Sign

May 31, 1984 Date

RESPONDENT'S NAME:

ADDRESS:

Robert E. Dolan, Young Americans for Freedom Woodland Road AUCANS

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Box 1002

Sterling, Virginia 22170

HOME PHONE:

BUSINESS PHONE:

450-5162

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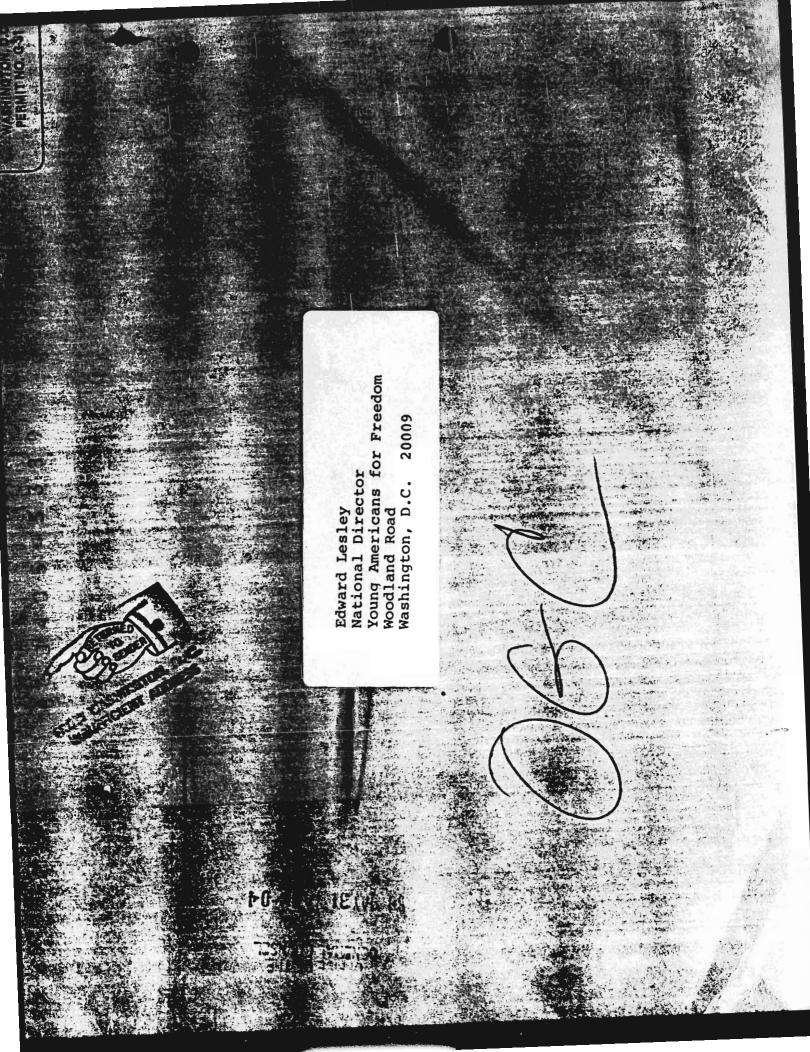
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M The following letter MUR 1709 was returned. Please write a memo to the file and advise on what to do. If you wish to resend the letter, please have the envelope(s) and green card(s) made.

Thanks

Send again to:

Mr. Edward Lesley National Director Young Americans for Freedom 200 Fourth Street Suite 8045 washington, Dc. 20021





FROM:

FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION 84 MAY 24 P 2: WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

May 24, 1984



COMMISSION SECRETARY

MEMORANDUM TO: The Commission

Charles N. Steele General Counsel

Pre-MUR 118

By: Kenneth A. Gross Associate General Counsel

SUBJECT:

On May 21, 1984 the Commission approved the recommendation that the subject Pre-MUR be made a MUR. Therefore, all documents which had previously been identified as Pre-MUR 118 should now become MUR 1707.

Attachment Copy of Certification



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MEMORANDUM TO:	CHARLES N. STEELE GENERAL COUNSEL
FROM:	MARJORIE W. EMMONS/JODY C. RANSOM JCK
DATE:	MAY 21, 1984
SUBJECT:	WITHDRAWAL OF OBJECTION TO PRE-MUR 118 First General Counsel's Report signed May 15, 1984

You were previously notified of an objection by Commissioner Reiche to the above-captioned report.

By memorandum this date, Commissioner Reiche withdrew his objection and cast an affirmative vote.

A copy of Commissioner Reiche's memorandum and the certification in this matter are attached.

Attachments



- FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

TO: COMMISSION SECRETARY FROM: COMMISSIONER FRANK P. REICHE DATE: MAY 21, 1984 SUBJECT: PRE-MUR 118

I wish to withdraw my objection to the General Counsel's recommendation in Pre-MUR 118.

Please record me as voting in favor of that recommendation.

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Pre-MUR 118

Young Americans for Freedom Young Americans for Freedom Political Action Committee Robert E. Dolan, Treasurer

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> '5. Approve and send the letters with enclosed interrogatories and request for documents as attached to the First General Counsel's Report signed May 15, 1984.

Commissioners Aikens, Elliott, Harris, McDonald, McGarry and Reiche voted affirmatively in this matter.

Attest:

Date

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Marjorie W. Emmons Secretary of the Commission

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

May 24, 1984

Robert E. Dolan, Treasurer Young Americans for Freedom Political Action Committee Woodland Road, Box 1002 Sterling, Virginia 22170

Re:

MUR 1707 Young Americans for Freedom Political Action Committee Robert E. Dolan, Treasurer

Dear Mr. Dolan:

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On May 21, 1984, the Federal Election Commission determined that there is reason to believe Young Americans for Freedom Political Action Committee and you, as treasurer, violated 2 U.S.C. § 434, a provision of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended ("the Act"). The General Counsel's factual and legal analysis, which formed a basis for the Commission's finding, is attached for your information.

Under the Act, you have an opportunity to demonstrate that no action should be taken against you and the committee. You may submit any factual or legal materials which you believe are relevant to the Commission's consideration of this matter. Please submit any such materials within ten days of your receipt of this letter.

In the absence of any additional information which demonstrates that no further action should be taken against your committee and you, as treasurer, the Commission may find probable cause to believe that a violation has occurred and proceed with conciliation. Of course, this does not preclude the settlement of this matter through conciliation prior to a finding of probable cause to believe if so desired. <u>See</u> 11 C.F.R. § 111.18(d).

If you intend to be represented by counsel in this matter, please advise the Commission by completing the enclosed form Letter to Robert E. Dolan Page 2

stating the name, address and telephone number of such counsel, and a statement authorizing such counsel to receive any notifications and other communications from the Commission.

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Sincerely,

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

GENERAL COUNSEL'S FACTUAL AND LEGAL ANALYSIS

Respondent: Young Americans for Freedom Political Action Committee Robert E. Dolan, Treasurer MUR No. 1707

GENERATION OF MATTER

On March 2, 1984, the Department of Justice referred to the Federal Election Commission evidence of a possible violation of 2 U.S.C. § 441d in connection with a fundraising solicitation sent over the signature of Secretary of Agriculture John R. Block on behalf of an organization called the "Young Americans for Freedom." The evidence was discovered by the Department during its review of a complaint pertaining to violations of the great seal statute, 18 U.S.C. § 713. The Department of Justice retains jurisdiction over the aspect of the matter involving violations of 18 U.S.C. § 713.

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SUMMARY OF ALLEGATIONS

The evidence submitted by the Department of Justice raises two issues concerning the Young American for Freedom. In addition, information ascertained in the normal course our review raises the following issue with regard to the Young Americans for Freedom Political Action Committee:

By failing to file a 1982 Year End Report and reports of receipts and disbursements for calendar years 1983 and 1984, the Young Americans for Freedom Political Action Committee and Robert E. Dolan, as treasurer, violated 2 U.S.C. § 434.

FACTUAL BASIS AND LEGAL ANALYSIS

I. The Facts

Commission records identify Mr. Robert E. Dolan as treasurer of a registered political committee named "Young Americans for Freedom Political Action Committee" ("the Committee"). The mailing address of the Committee is Woodland Road, Box 1002, Sterling, Virginia, 22170. The committee is registered with the Commission as the separate segregated fund of Young Americans for Freedom. The Committee's Statement of Organization lists Young Americans for Freedom as a corporation. The Clerk's Office in the State of Virginia lists Young Americans for Freedom as a nonstock corporation.

According to Commission records, the Committee registered with the Commission on July 7, 1980. The last report filed by the Committee was its 1982 30 Day Post-General Election Report covering the period October 13, 1982 through November 22, 1982. */ The Committee has not filed a Year End Report for calendar year 1982 nor has it filed reports for calendar years 1983 and 1984. Furthermore, the Committee has not filed a termination report pursuant 2 U.S.C. § 433(d) and 11 C.F.R. § 102.3 or a request for administrative termination under 11 C.F.R. § 102.4.

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^{*/} In addition, we note that the Committee failed to file all of its 1982 reports until January 3, 1982. The reports show minimal activity, however. Total receipts for the 1981-82 election cycle (up through November 22, 1982) were \$1,086. Total disbursements were \$1,519. The last report filed shows a closing cash balance of \$329.38.

II. Legal Analysis

Failure to file Reports

2 U.S.C. § 434 requires the treasurer of a political committee to file reports of receipts and disbursements. Pursuant to 2 U.S.C. § 433(d), a political committee may terminate its reporting obligations only when such committee files a written statement that it will no longer receive any contributions or make any disbursements and that such committee has not outstanding debts or obligations. <u>See</u> also, 11 C.F.R. § 102.3.

The Commission's records reveal that Young Americans for Freedom Political Action Committee has failed to file reports in accordance with 2 U.S.C. § 434. The Committee has not filed a termination report or statement required by 2 U.S.C. § 433(d), hence the Committee still has a reporting obligation under 2 U.S.C. § 434. Accordingly, the Office of General Counsel recommends that the Commission find reason to believe that the Young Americans for Freedom Political Action Committee and Robert E. Dolan, as treasurer, violated 2 U.S.C. § 434.



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

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Sincerely,

Enclosures General Counsel's Factual and Legal Analysis Procedures Designation of Counsel Statement

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

May 24, 1984

Edward Lesley National Director Young Americans for Freedom Woodland Road Washington, D.C. 20009

> Re: MUR 1707 Young Americans for Freedom

Dear Mr. Lesley:

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Interrogatories and Request for Documents General Counsel's Factual and Legal Analysis Procedures Designation of Counsel Statement Interrogatories and Request for Documents from Mr. Edward Lesley National Director of Young Americans for Freedom

The Federal Election Commission requests that you as National Director of Young Americans for Freedom or your authorized agent having knowledge of the information sought herein submit in writing, under oath, within ten days, responses to the following questions. Questions regarding "the letter(s)" refer to an undated letter sent over the signature of Secretary of Agriculture John R. Block on behlaf of the Young Americans for Freedom, a copy of which is attached hereto and marked Exhibit A.

1. State your name, address and principal place of business.

2. List your position, duties and responsibilities with Young Americans for Freedom.

3. Describe the form of organization that Young Americans for Freedom represents (e.g., corporation, corporation without capitol stock, membership organization).

4. If applicable, provide copies of the articles of incorporation and bylaws pertaining to Young Americans for Freedom.

5. If your answer to question 3, above, is membership organization, state the requirements of membership in the Young Americans for Freedom. If the requirements are in writing, provide a copy of the materials in which the requirements appear.

6. If your answer to question 3, above, is membership organization, state the number of individuals who are currently members of Young Americans for Freedom.

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Page 2 Interrogatories for Request for Documents

- 7. On what date or dates was the letter mailed?
- 8. How many of the letters were mailed?
- 9. To whom were the letters mailed? (e.g., general public, members, stockholders, executive and administrative personnel of Young Americans for Freedom)
- 10. State who paid for all costs in connection with the mailing of the letter. In this connection, please identify each account from which disbursements were made including the account number, the name and address of the finiancial institution at which the account is or was maintained, the name of the account and the type of the account.
- 11. What was the total cost expended in the mailing of the letter (stationery, printing, postage, mailing list, etc.)?
- 12. What amount of money was received as a result of the mailing of the letter?
- 13. How was the money used which was received as a result of the mailing of the letter?
- 14. Provide the names and addresses of the Officers, employees or agents of Young Americans for Freedom who were involved in the sending of the letter (excluding the names and addresses of clerical staff).



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Office of the Secretary John R. Block U.S. Department of Agriculture

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Dear Friend,

On behalf of Young Americans for Freedom, I am pleased to present you with the enclosed official White House photograph of President Ronald Reagan.

I hope that you will accept this picture in appreciation for all the support which you have given to President Reagan.

To verify that you received the enclosed photograph in good condition, I would like to ask you to return the enclosed "Verification" slip to me. If your photo is scratched, folded or otherwise damaged, another copy will be forwarded to you immediately.

So please, if there's anything wrong with the enclosed photo, let me know so that I can see that it is replaced. Thank you.

Oh yes, there is one other thing that you can do, which I think would greatly please President Reagan. As a member of his Cabinet, I know that he would greatly appreciate a personal word of encouragement from you.

Believe me, I know how hard it is to take the bitter attacks which he endures each and every day from the liberals and their allies in the news media. That's why your note of encouragement would mean so much to him.

Use the enclosed postcard (or better yet your own stationary) to tell him in your own words how much you appreciate the job he is doing. Thanks.

Now I'd like to tell you why I personally believe that the next few months are going to be critically important for the future of this country which you and I love.

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The powerful forces arrayed against Ronald (1980) Reagan are poised to drive him from the White House in 1984.

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The election is going to be a head to head struggle between those who cherish America and Her traditions of freedom versus those who would destroy the American way of life as you and I have known it.

Make no mistake about it, the liberal Democrat who opposes Ronald Reagan for the Fresidency will carry forward the same bankrupt policies of high taxes and big spending.

Unlike President Reagan, the Democrats want to centralize more power in Washington, D.C.

Incredibly, they seek a return to the same policies which brought us interest rates in excess of 20% and inflation of more than 13%.

Their answer to the growing threat from Communist Russia is appeasement and unilateral disarmament.

The choice will be between the return to the failed policies of FDR and Jimmy Carter or the conservative program of Ronald Reagan.

If the issues were presented fairly I believe the American people would overwhelmingly reject liberalism. But unfortunately, Ronald Reagan will be facing a stacked deck.

How can he hope to have his side of the story presented honestly by a biased news media? It just won't happen.

That's why this letter to you is so urgent and extremely important.

Since you and I don't have access to a fair and impartial news media, we must seek another means of presenting the true story to America.

And there is one group that I believe can best accomplish this Herculean effort. That group is

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As President Reagan will tell you himself, there has been no other group as loyal to him and his principles as Young Americans for Freedom. ******

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When Ronald Reagan was Governor of California he knew that he could always count on the members of YAF to support his policies and programs.

Today, with nearly 100,000 members on 650 college and university campuses, Young Americans for Freedom is ready to spread the message of Ronald Reagan's accomplishments to the American people.

YAF has the troops to promote Ronald Reagan and his programs from coast to coast.

Through literature, news articles, appearances on T.V. and radio talk shows, bumper stickers, posters and debates, YAF members are prepared to bring President Reagan's vital message to loyal Americans.

And on our college campuses YAF members are ready to counter the anti-American and anti-Reagan radicals that breed there.

And, it is my personal view that <u>now</u> is the time for Young Americans for Freedom to take action. Before the liberals are successful in distorting and misrepresenting Ronald Reagan's programs. Before it is too late.

But uniortunately a vital effort such as I've described takes money. Lots of money.

Even a simple news release takes money for printing, postage and envelopes.

And the sad fact is, while the liberals and their myriad of leftist organizations are feeding at the public trough on your tax dollars, the members of Young Americans for Freedom are totally dependent on you and me for support.

And YAF was hard hit by the Democrat's recession.

Thousands upon thousands of patriotic young

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men and women are ready to answer the call, but the truth is, the funds simply aren't there to pay for the literature and training sessions which must be held if Ronald Reagan is to succeed.

It's terribly unfair. But it is the situation we face.

That's why I hope you will help today.

Because I know that you love your country deeply, I hope that you will find a way to support these deserving young men and women.

Can you send \$15 today for this special project?

In fact, if you can send much more then I certainly hope that you will.

If you can send \$10,000 do it. Or \$1,000 or \$100.

But, if you could at least send \$15, it would give a tremendous boost to this most worthwhile cause.

I hope that you will support the fine young men and women of Young Americans for Freedom with your dollars.

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They need your encouragement and they need your financial help. Won't you please send your check today?

Believe me, the future of our nation is at stake.

Sincerely.

John R. Block Secretary Department of Agriculture 100 100 100

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P.S. Don't forget to let me know whether or not your full color photo of President Reagan arrived in good condition. Remember, if it didn't, I'll make certain that a replacement is shipped immediately. And, if you possibly can, send along a contribution to Young Americans for Freedom for at least \$15. Without your gift, they can't succeed. God bless you.

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Secretary John Block C/O Young Americans for Freedom ordiand Road Washington, D.C., 20069			page 5 c
Dear Secretary Block,			T A
Thank you for my official photo of President . Reagan.			EXHIBIT
I have sent my personal word of encouragement to President Reagan and I agree the President needs YAF's help to get his message to America. To help YAF I have enclosed my maximum contribution for:			
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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

GENERAL COUNSEL'S FACTUAL AND LEGAL ANALYSIS

Respondent: Young Americans for Freedom MUR No. 1707

GENERATION OF MATTER

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SUMMARY OF ALLEGATIONS

The evidence submitted by the Department of Justice raises two principal issues:

 By using corporate treasury funds to make expenditures in connection with federal elections, the Young Americans for Freedom violated 2 U.S.C. § 441b(a).

2. By failing to include the required disclaimer stating the name of the person who paid for a direct mail solicitation and whether or not the communication had been authorized by any candidate or candidate committee, the Young Americans for Freedom violated 2 U.S.C. § 441d.

FACTUAL BASIS AND LEGAL ANALYSIS

I. The Facts

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The Department of Justice has submitted to the Commission a letter sent over the signature of Secretary of Agriculture John R. Block on behalf of the Young Americans for Freedom. According to information received by the Department, the letter was composed by, or with the assistance of, the direct mail firm of Bruce Eberle and Associates on behalf of the Young Americans for Freedom.

The letter solicits its readers to send contributions of up to \$10,000 to the Young Americans for Freedom to enable that organization to "promote Ronald Reagan and his programs" in the upcoming 1984 presidential election. Enclosed with the letter is an official White House photograph of President Ronald Reagan and a postcard for sending a "note of encouragement" to President Ronald Reagan. The letter, which appears to advocate President Reagan's reelection and which solicits contributions towards that end, does not reflect who paid for the communication and whether or not the communication was authorized by any candidate or candidate committee. Recipients of the solicitation are requested to reply to Secretary Block in care of Young Americans for Freedom at Woodland Road, Washington, D.C. 20009. The letter also requests that all checks be made payable to "YAF, Woodland Rd., Washington, D.C." The specific date or dates on which the solicitation was mailed are unknown. To whom the solicitation was mailed and the costs involved in the publication and mailing of the solicitation are also unknown.

Information received by the Department of Justice reveals the names of two officials within the Young Americans for Freedom organization who appear to have been involved in the publication and mailing of the fundraising letter. The named individuals are Mr. Edward Lesley, National Director of Young Americans for Freedom, and Mr. Robert Dolan, identified as the Chairman of Young Americans for Freedom.

Commission records identify Mr. Robert E. Dolan as treasurer of a registered political committee named "Young Americans for Freedom Political Action Committee" ("the Committee"). The mailing address of the Committee is Woodland Road, Box 1002, Sterling, Virginia, 22170. The committee is registered with the Commission as the separate segregated fund of Young Americans for Freedom. The Committee's Statement of Organization lists Young Americans for Freedom as a corporation. The Clerk's Office in the State of Virginia lists Young Americans for Freedom as a nonstock corporation.

II. Legal Analysis

1. Use of Corporate Treasury Funds to make Expenditures in Connection with Federal Elections.

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election." The terms "contribution or expenditure" are defined broadly to include "any direct or indirect payment, distribution, loan, advance, deposit, or gift of money, or any services, or anything of value..." 2 U.S.C. § 441b(b)(2).

The general prohibition, however, is subject to limited exceptions. One such exception allows corporations, labor organizations, coopertives and corporations without capital stock to use treasury funds to establish, administer, and solicit contributions to "separate segregated funds to be utilized for political purposes." 2 U.S.C. § 441b(b)(2)(C). These organizations may not, however, contribute to the separate segregated funds <u>1</u>/ nor may they solicit contributions to their funds from the general public. They may solicit contributions only from limited classes connected with the soliciting organization.

In the case of a corporation, 2 U.S.C. § 441b(b)(4) allows solicitation of a corporation's stockholders and their families and its executive and administrative personnel and their families. Furthermore, 2 U.S.C. § 441b(b)(4)(c) allows a corporation without capital stock to solicit contributions to its separate segregated fund from members of such corporation.

The documentation submitted by the Department of Justice provides evidence that the Young Americans for Freedom violated

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The above-referenced expenditures do not appear to fall within the exempted category of expenditures provided in 2 U.S.C. § 441b(b)(2)(c). Nowhere in the letter is there any language suggesting that the solicitation is made on behalf of the separate segregated fund of Young Americans for Freedom. All references are to the corporation itself. The letter repeatedly states that it is sent on behalf of the Young Americans for Freedom and that contributions solicited should be made to Young Americans for Freedom. In addition, there is nothing in the letter to suggest that it was sent only to the corporation's solicitable class of individuals. The letter begins with the salutation of "Dear Friend" and contains none of the disclaimers required by 11 C.F.R. § 114.5(a)(5).

Based on the foregoing, the Office of General Counsel recommends that the Commission open a Matter Under Review and find reason to believe that Young Americans for Freedom violated 2 U.S.C. § 441b(a).

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2. <u>Failure to Include Section 441d Disclaimer on</u> <u>Solicitation</u>

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

Edward Lesley National Director Young Americans for Freedom Woodland Road Washington, D.C. 20009

> Re: MUR Young Americans for Freedom

Dear Mr. Lesley:

On , 1984, the Federal Election Commission determined that there is reason to believe Young Americans for Freedom violated 2 U.S.C. § 441b(a) and § 441d, provisions of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended ("the Act"). The General Counsel's factual and legal analysis, which formed a basis for the Commission's finding, is attached for your information.

Under the Act, you have an opportunity to demonstrate that no action should be taken against your organization. You may submit any factual or legal materials which you believe are relevant to the Commission's consideration of this matter. Please submit any such materials, along with your answers to the enclosed questions, within ten days of your receipt of this letter. Statements should be submitted under oath.

In the absence of any additional information which demonstrates that no further action should be taken against your organization, the Commission may find probable cause to believe that a violation has occurred and proceed with conciliation. Of course, this does not preclude the settlement of this matter through conciliation prior to a finding of probable cause to believe if so desired. See 11 C.F.R. § 111.18(d).

If you intend to be represented by counsel in this matter, please advise the Commission by completing the enclosed form

Letter to Young Americans for Freedom Page 2

stating the name, address and telephone number of such counsel, and a statement authorizing such counsel to receive any notifications and other communications from the Commission.

The investigation now being conducted will be confidential in accordance with 2 U.S.C. §§ 437g(a)(4)(B) and 437g(a)(12)(A), unless you notify the Commission in writing that you wish the investigation to be made public.

For your information, we have attached a brief description of the Commission's procedures for handling possible violations of the Act. If you have any questions, please contact Beverly Kramer, the staff member assigned to this matter, at (202)523-4143.

Sincerely,

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

MEMORANDUM TO:	CHARLES N. STEELE
FROM:	MARJORIE W. EMMONS/JODY C. RANSOM JCK
DATE:	MAY 21, 1984
SUBJECT:	WITHDRAWAL OF OBJECTION TO PRE-MUR 118 First General Counsel's Report signed May 15, 1984

You were previously notified of an objection by Commissioner Reiche to the above-captioned report. By memorandum this date, Commissioner Reiche withdrew his objection and cast an affirmative vote.

A copy of Commissioner Reiche's memorandum and the certification in this matter are attached.



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TO: COMMISSION SECRETARY FROM: COMMISSIONER FRANK P. REICHE DATE: MAY 21, 1984 SUBJECT: PRE-MUR 118



I wish to withdraw my objection to the General Counsel's recommendation in Pre-MUR 118.

Please record me as voting in favor of that recommendation.

BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

In the Matter of

Pre-MUR 118

Young Americans for Freedom Young Americans for Freedom Political Action Committee Robert E. Dolan, Treasurer

CERTIFICATION

I, Marjorie W. Emmons, Secretary of the Federal Election Commission, do hereby certify that on May 21, 1984, the Commission decided by a vote of 6-0 to take the following actions in Pre-MUR 118:

1. Open a Matter Under Review.

- Find reason to believe that Young Americans for Freedom violated 2 U.S.C. § 441b(a).
- 3. Find reason to believe that Young Americans for Freedom violated 2 U.S.C. § 441d.
- 4. Find reason to believe that Young Americans for Freedom Political Action Committee and Robert E. Dolan, as treasurer, violated 2 U.S.C. § 434.

(Continued)

Certification Pre-MUR 118 First General Counsel's Report Signed May 15, 1984

> '5. Approve and send the letters with enclosed interrogatories and request for documents as attached to the First General Counsel's Report signed May 15, 1984.

Commissioners Aikens, Elliott, Harris, McDonald, McGarry and Reiche voted affirmatively in this matter.

Attest:

Date

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Marjorie W. Emmons Secretary of the Commission

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CHARLES STEELE, GENERAL COUNSEL MARJORIE W. EMMONS/SUSAN M. TEIR MAY 17, 1984 OBJECTION - PRE-MUR 118 - FIRST GENERAL

DBJECTION - PRE-MUR 118 - FIRST GENERAL COUNSEL'S REPORT signed May 15, 1984

The above-named document was circulated to the Commission on May 16, 1984 at 4:00.

Objections have been received from the Commissioners as indicated by the name(s) checked:

Commissioner Aikens	
Commissioner Elliott	
Commissioner Harris	<u></u>
Commissioner McDonald	
Commissioner McGarry	
Commissioner Reiche	X (comments attached)

This matter will be placed on the Executive Session agenda for Tuesday, May 22, 1984.



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TO:	Office of the Commission Secretary Office of General Counsel
FROM :	Office of General Counsel
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SUBJECT:	Pre-MUR 118 - First General Counsel's Report

The attached is submitted as an Agenda document

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DATE AND TIME OF TRANSMITTAL Pre-MUR 1118 BY OGC TO THE COMMISSION 5/16/84 - 10:25 STAFF MEMBER **Beverly Kramer**

ST. STINE SOURCE OF Pre-MUR: Department of Justice **RESPONDENTS' NAMES: Young Americans for Freedom** Young Americans for Freedom Political Action Committee Robert E. Dolan, Treasurer

RELEVANT STATUTE:

2 U.S.C. § 441d 2 U.S.C. § 441b(a) 2 U.S.C. § 434

INTERNAL REPORTS CHECKED: Public Records FEDERAL AGENCIES CHECKED: Department of Justice

GENERATION OF MATTER

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1/ A copy of the referral was circulated to the Commission on March 13, 1984.

2/ The complaint was submitted to the Department by Congressman Ted Weiss in response to an inquiry received from a constituent. The subject of the Congressman's concerns pertained to violations of 18 U.S.C. § 713, and not violations of the Federal Election Campaign Act. See Attachment at 1.

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SUMMARY OF ALLEGATIONS

The evidence submitted by the Department of Justice raises two principal issues:

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2. By failing to include the required disclaimer stating the name of the person who paid for a direct mail solicitation and whether or not the communication had been authorized by any candidate or candidate committee, the Young Americans for Freedom violated 2 U.S.C. § 441d. In addition, information ascertained in the normal course our review raises the following issue:

By failing to file a 1982 Year End Report and reports of receipts and disbursements for calendar years 1983 and 1984, the Young Americans for Freedom Political Action Committee and Robert E. Dolan, as treasurer, violated 2 U.S.C. § 434.

FACTUAL BASIS AND LEGAL ANALYSIS

I. The Facts

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3/ The Department of Justice forwarded additional documentation to the Commission on March 19 and April 6, 1984. In one of the documents submitted, Mr. W. Scott Burke, Acting General Counsel for the Department of Agriculture, states that prior to March 29, 1984, Secretary Block saw neither the text of the letter nor the solicitation sent by Young Americans for Freedom. The signature on the letter was a facimile of his signature which had been sent to Young Americans for Freedom by aides to the Secretary. <u>See</u> attachments at 9 and 10.

4/ In a letter of September 19, 1983, to Mr. Edward Lesley, National Director of Young Americans for Freedom, Counsel to the President Fred F. Fielding states that "use of publicly released photographs violates no law or White House policy, so long as there is no unauthorized statement or suggestion of Presidential or White House endorsement of or affiliation with a given organization or its efforts. Hence, while we neither 'approve' nor participate in the use by YAF or other entities of such publicly released official White House photographs, we do not object absent misleading statements or suggestions of the sort just described." See Attachments at 12.

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Information received by the Department of Justice reveals the names of two officials within the Young Americans for Freedom organization who appear to have been involved in the publication and mailing of the fundraising letter. See attachment at 10 and 12. The named individuals are Mr. Edward Lesley, National Director of Young Americans for Freedom, and Mr. Robert Dolan, identified as the Chairman of Young Americans for Freedom.

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According to Commission records, the Committee registered with the Commission on July 7, 1980. The last report filed by the Committee was its 1982 30 Day Post-General Election Report

covering the period October 13, 1982 through November 22, 1982. <u>5</u>/ The Committee has not filed a Year End Report for calendar year 1982 nor has it filed reports for calendar years 1983 and 1984. Furthermore, the Committee has not filed a termination report pursuant to 2 U.S.C. § 433(d) and 11 C.F.R. § 102.3 or a request for administrative termination under 11 C.F.R. § 102.4.

II. Legal Analysis

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1. Use of Corporate Treasury Funds to make Expenditures in Connection with Federal Elections.

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^{5/} In addition, we note that the Committee failed to file all of its 1982 reports until January 3, 1983. The reports show minimal activity, however. Total receipts for the 1981-82 election cycle (up through November 22, 1982) were \$1,086. Total disbursements were \$1,519. The last report filed shows a closing cash balance of \$329.38.

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In the case of a corporation, 2 U.S.C. § 441b(b)(4) allows solicitation of a corporation's stockholders and their families and its executive and administrative personnel and their families. Furthermore, 2 U.S.C. § 441b(b)(4)(c) allows a corporation without capital stock to solicit contributions to its separate segregated fund from members of such corporation.

The documentation submitted by the Department of Justice provides evidence that the Young Americans for Freedom violated 2 U.S.C. § 441b(a). Specifically, it appears that the Young Americans for Freedom, a non-stock corporation, made expenditures in connection with a federal election in violation of § 441b(a). The expenditures consist of the costs involved in the publication and distribution of a direct mail communication which appears to advocate the reelection of President Ronald Reagan in the upcoming 1984 presidential election and which solicits contributions towards that end.

The above-referenced expenditures do not appear to fall within the exempted category of expenditures provided in 2 U.S.C. § 441b(b)(2)(c). Nowhere in the letter is there any

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Based on the foregoing, the Office of General Counsel recommends that the Commission open a Matter Under Review and find reason to believe that Young Americans for Freedom violated 2 U.S.C. § 441b(a).

2. Failure to Include Section 441d Disclaimer on Solicitation

2 U.S.C. § 441d requires that any direct mail solicitation bear a disclaimer stating the name of the person who paid for the communication and whether or not the communication was authorized by any candidate or candidate committee.

Information contained in the subject communication indicates that Young Americans for Freedom was responsible for the publication and mailing of a direct mail solicitation. In that the solicitation fails to reflect who paid for or authorized the communication, we recommend that the Commission find reason to believe that Young Americans for Freedom violated 2 U.S.C. § 441d.

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3. Failure to file Reports

2 U.S.C. § 434 requires the treasurer of a political committee to file reports of receipts and disbursements. Pursuant to 2 U.S.C. § 433(d), a political committee may terminate its reporting obligations only when such committee files a written statement that it will no longer receive any contributions or make any disbursements and that such committee has no outstanding debts or obligations. <u>See</u> also, 11 C.F.R. § 102.3.

The Commission's records reveal that Young Americans for Freedom Political Action Committee has failed to file reports in accordance with 2 U.S.C. § 434. The Committee has not filed a termination report or statement required by 2 U.S.C. § 433(d), hence the Committee still has a reporting obligation under 2 U.S.C. § 434. Accordingly, the Office of General Counsel recommends that the Commission find reason to believe that the Young Americans for Freedom Political Action Committee and Robert E. Dolan, as treasurer, violated 2 U.S.C. § 434.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Open a Matter Under Review.

2. Find reason to believe that Young Americans for Freedom violated 2 U.S.C. § 441b(a).

3. Find reason to believe that Young Americans for Freedom violated 2 U.S.C. § 441d.

4. Find reason to believe that Young Americans for Freedom Political Action Committee and Robert E. Dolan, as treasurer, violated 2 U.S.C. § 434. 5. Approve and send the attached letters with enclosed interrogatories and request for documents.

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Charles N. Steele General Counsel

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By Kenneth A. Gross

Associate General Counsel

Attachments

Documents submitted to the Commission by the Department of Justice (15 pages)

Letter to Mr. Edward Lesley, National Director of Young Americans for Freedom, with enclosed interrogatories and request for documents

Letter to Robert E. Dolan, Treasurer of Young Americans for Freedom Political Action Committee



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Mr. Kenneth Gross Associate General Counsel Federal Election Commission 1325 K Street, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20463

Dear Ken:

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Enclosed as you requested in our conversation on March 12th is a copy of the complaint we received regarding a fundraising appeal by Secretary of Agriculture John R. Block. The complaint was from Congressman Ted Weiss, and forwarded a copy of a solicitation one of the Congressman's constituents received. No solicitation envelope reflecting a date of mailing was submitted.

As I noted, the subject of the Congressman's concerns pertained to violations of the great seal statute, 18 U.S.C. \$713, and not violations of the Federal Election Campaign Act. I noticed the lack of an FECA disclaimer during my review of this matter, and by letter of March 2, 1984, the Department referred this aspect of the matter to the FEC.

If we can be of further assistance, please call.

Sincerely,

Gerald E. McDowell, Chief Public Integrity Section Criminal Division

By:

NANCY S. STEWART, Attorney Public Integrity Section

Enclosure

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Congress of the United States House of Representatives

February 8, 1984

The Honorable William French Smith Attorney General Department of Justice Washington, D.C. 20530

Dear Mr. Attorney General:

I am writing to draw your attention to what I believe is an inappropriate -- and perhaps illegal -- use of a cabinet office to raise funds for a private political organization.

0 A constituent recently forwarded to me a fundraising letter signed by Secretary of Agriculture John R. Block on behalf of 57 group called Young Americans for Freedom. The constituent inquired whether such an appeal from a cabinet secretary is illegal or unethical.

A copy of Secretary Block's correspondence is enclosed. As Line you can see, the letterhead is designed to suggest endorsement by the U.S. government and Department of Agriculture of the letter's 10 political and partisan message. Featured at the top of the first 0 page are the words, "Office of Secretary John R. Block, U.S. Department of Agriculture," and a facsimile of the Great Seal of T the United States.

U.S. Code 18 § 713 states that use of the Great Seal or a 10 facsimile to "convey...a false impression of sponsorship or approval by the government of the United States or by any department, agency, or instrumentality thereof" is illegal and punishable by a fine or prison sentence. The statute directs complaints to the Attorney General.

Your prompt review of this matter is respectfully requested. I look forward to your response.

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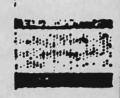
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Office of the Secretary John R. Block U.S. Department of Agriculture



PERSONAL BUSINESS



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Dear Friend.

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The Honorable Stephen S. Trott Assistant Attorney General Criminal Division U. S. Department of Justice Washington, D. C. 20530

Dear Mr. Trott:

This letter responds to the letter to John R. Block, Secretary of Agriculture (the Secretary), from John C. Keeney, Acting Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, dated March 2, 1984. The letter concerned a fundraising solicitation of Young Americans for Freedom (YAF).

"a You note that the YAF fundraising letter requested: contribution to the YAF, to enable that organization to 'promote Ronald Reagan and his programs' in the upcoming 1984 Presidential election. The letterhead of this solicitation displays in the upper left-hand corner a likeness of the Great Seal of the United States."

You refer to 18 U.S.C. § 713, "which prohibits the knowing display of any likeness or facsimile of the Great Seal of the United States on, among other things, stationery in a manner reasonably calculated to convey a false impression of sponsorship or approval by the United States government." You write that "such utilization of the Great Seal is proscribed by Section 713."

I have discussed this matter with the Secretary and with members of his staff who possess knowledge of the YAF letter. At the time the YAF letter was apparently written, matters of this type were routinely handled by members of his staff. Members of the Secretary's staff talked with Mr. Robert Stuber of the direct mail firm of Bruce Eberle and Associates in connection with the letter. Mr. Stuber was their point of contact with YAF. Aides to the Secretary reviewed and approved the text of the letter. However, prior to the publication and apparent mailing of the letter, no Department staffer either saw, approved, or had any prior knowledge of the specific features of the letter, including

the letterhead, the use of the Great Seal, or the return address on the envelope in which these materials were sent. Some or all of the foregoing features would have been disapproved had they been revealed prior to the publication and distribution of the fundraiser. No one at this Department approved any of these features subsequent to its publication and distribution. The specific date or dates when YAF published and mailed the fundraiser are unknown to us.

Until March 29, 1984, the Secretary saw neither the text of the letter in question nor the YAF solicitation letter which you enclosed. Until last week the Secretary had no knowledge of the existence of the YAF letter nor of the use of his name and signature by YAF. The Secretary neither knew of nor gave permission for the use of the Great Seal, the letterhead, nor any other aspect of the letter. The signature on the letter was a facsimile of his signature, which had been sent to YAF by aides to the Secretary.

On September 19, 1983, Fred F. Fielding, Counsel to the President, wrote to Mr. Edward Lesley, National Director of YAF, that Secretary Block "as a general rule will no longer allow his signature to be used on any direct fundraising solicitation letters sponsored by political organizations." I have enclosed a copy of this letter.

Aides to the Secretary first became aware of the specific features of the YAF fundraiser discussed above in September, 1983. At that time, members of the Secretary's staff repeatedly informed Mr. Robert Stuber, both over the telephone and in person, that no further such letters should be sent out. On these occasions, Mr. Stuber responded that the fundraiser would not be sent out again. Apparently, this request has not been followed.

YAF was sent a copy of your March 2, 1984, letter to the Secretary raising legal questions about the letter. On March 12, 1984, Daniel Oliver, General Counsel of this Department, orally informed Mr. Robert Dolan, Chairman of YAF, not to use the name or signature of Secretary Block. On March 21, he wrote to Mr. Dolan to repeat this instruction. I have written to Mr. Dolan again to this effect. Copies of these letters are enclosed.

Mr. Keeney's letter to the Secretary also refers to ? U.S.C. § 441d. This section applies to communications or solicitations "expressly advocating the election or defeat of a clearly identified candidate." As I stated above, before last week the Secretary had no knowledge of the letter, its contents, or its format. Moreover, the text of the letter was approved by aides to the Secretary many months before President Reagan's announcement that he would be a candidate for re-election. The YAF letter does not "expressly advocate" the election of President Reagan nor any other candidate. The letter does not solicit a contribution for any candidate, but for YAF. Thus, it would appear that this section is inapplicable to the YAF letter. In any event, the letter repeatedly states, including in its first sentence, that it is sent on behalf of YAF, and that the contribution solicited is for YAF.

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W. Scott Burke Acting General Counsel

Enclosures cc: Chairman, Federal Elections Commission

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September 19, 1983

Dear Mr. Lesley:

Thank you for your letter of September 7, 1983 expressing your concerns about the involvement of Administration officials in certain fundraising offorts for the Young Americans for Freedom ("YAF").

Tor your information, Secretary Plock has determined, for reasons guite independent from the concerns you raised, that as a general rule he will no longer allow his signature to be used on any direct fundraising solicitation letters sponsored by political organizations.

With respect to your concerns about the use of White House photographs by YAF, you should know that use of publicly released White house photographs violates no law or White House policy, so long as there is no unauthorized statement or suggestion of Fresidential or White House endorsement of or affiliation with a given organization or its efforts. Hence, while we neither "approve" nor participate in the use by YAF or other entities of such publicly released official White House photographs, we do not object absent misleading statements or suggestions of the sort just described.

Finally, to the extent your letter discusses disagreements among the members and leadership of YAF, I can appreciate that these are matters of great importance to you. I hope you also can appreciate, however, the reasons Administration officials simply cannot become involved in any internal disputes of this hind.

Sincerely,

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Fred F. Fielding Counsel to the President

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March 21, 1984

Mr. Robert E. Dolan Chairman Young American for Freedom Box 1002 Sterling, Virginia 22170

Dear Mr. Dolan:

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This letter is to inform you that neither YAF nor any affiliated organization has permission to use the name or signature of John R. Block, Secretary of Agriculture, for any purpose until you have received written permission to do so from this Department.

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March 30, 1984

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This letter will supplement the March 21, 1984, letter to you from Daniel Oliver, General Counsel of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, which advised you that neither YAF nor any organization affiliated with YAF may use for any purpose the name or signature of John R. Block, Secretary of Agriculture.

I wish to emphasize again that neither Young Americans for Freedom (YAF), nor any organization affiliated with YAF, may use for any purpose the name or signature of John R. Block, Secretary of Agriculture. We understand that on some occasion or occasions during 1983 and 1984, the specific date or dates of which are unknown to us, YAF sent a written fund-raising appeal to the public, with Secretary Block's signature. This letter was composed by, or with the assistance of, the firm of Eruce Eberle & Associates. Mr. Robert Stuber of this firm was the point of contact between YAF and the Secretary's staff on this issue.

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I trust that this letter makes clear that neither the Secretary's name nor signature may be used for any purposes by YAF or any affiliated YAF organization. I am sending a copy of this letter, with enclosures, to MacKenzie Canter III, Esquire, of the law firm of Canter, Kent and Sullivan, who has contacted me and represented himself to be an attorney representing YAF on this matter.

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

Edward Lesley National Director Young Americans for Freedom Woodland Road Washington, D.C. 20009

> Re: MUR Young Americans for Freedom

Dear Mr. Lesley:

On , 1984, the Federal Election Commission determined that there is reason to believe Young Americans for Freedom violated 2 U.S.C. § 441b(a) and § 441d, provisions of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended ("the Act"). The General Counsel's factual and legal analysis, which formed a basis for the Commission's finding, is attached for your information.

Under the Act, you have an opportunity to demonstrate that no action should be taken against your organization. You may submit any factual or legal materials which you believe are relevant to the Commission's consideration of this matter. Please submit any such materials, along with your answers to the enclosed questions, within ten days of your receipt of this letter. Statements should be submitted under oath.

In the absence of any additional information which demonstrates that no further action should be taken against your organization, the Commission may find probable cause to believe that a violation has occurred and proceed with conciliation. Of course, this does not preclude the settlement of this matter through conciliation prior to a finding of probable cause to believe if so desired. See 11 C.F.R. § 111.18(d).

If you intend to be represented by counsel in this matter, please advise the Commission by completing the enclosed form

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stating the name, address and telephone number of such counsel, and a statement authorizing such counsel to receive any notifications and other communications from the Commission.

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Sincerely,

Enclosures Interrogatories and Request for Documents General Counsel's Factual and Legal Analysis Procedures Designation of Counsel Statement Interrogatories and Request for Documents from Mr. Edward Lesley National Director of Young Americans for Freedom

The Federal Election Commission requests that you as National Director of Young Americans for Freedom or your authorized agent having knowledge of the information sought herein submit in writing, under oath, within ten days, responses to the following questions. Questions regarding "the letter(s)" refer to an undated letter sent over the signature of Secretary of Agriculture John R. Block on behlaf of the Young Americans for Freedom, a copy of which is attached hereto and marked Exhibit A.

1. State your name, address and principal place of business.

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 If applicable, provide copies of the articles of incorporation and bylaws pertaining to Young Americans for Freedom.

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Respondent: Young Americans for Freedom MUR No.

GENERATION OF MATTER

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SUMMARY OF ALLEGATIONS

The evidence submitted by the Department of Justice raises two principal issues:

 By using corporate treasury funds to make expenditures in connection with federal elections, the Young Americans for Freedom violated 2 U.S.C. § 441b(a).

2. By failing to include the required disclaimer stating the name of the person who paid for a direct mail solicitation and whether or not the communication had been authorized by any candidate or candidate committee, the Young Americans for Freedom violated 2 U.S.C. **§** 441d.

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The Department of Justice has submitted to the Commission a letter sent over the signature of Secretary of Agriculture John R. Block on behalf of the Young Americans for Freedom. According to information received by the Department, the letter was composed by, or with the assistance of, the direct mail firm of Bruce Eberle and Associates on behalf of the Young Americans for Freedom.

The letter solicits its readers to send contributions of up to \$10,000 to the Young Americans for Freedom to enable that organization to "promote Ronald Reagan and his programs" in the upcoming 1984 presidential election. Enclosed with the letter is an official White House photograph of President Ronald Reagan and a postcard for sending a "note of encouragement" to President Ronald Reagan. The letter, which appears to advocate President Reagan's reelection and which solicits contributions towards that end, does not reflect who paid for the communication and whether or not the communication was authorized by any candidate or candidate committee. Recipients of the solicitation are requested to reply to Secretary Block in care of Young Americans for Freedom at Woodland Road, Washington, D.C. 20009. The letter also requests that all checks be made payable to "YAF, Woodland Rd., Washington, D.C." The specific date or dates on which the solicitation was mailed are unknown. To whom the solicitation was mailed and the costs involved in the publication and mailing of the solicitation are also unknown.

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Information received by the Department of Justice reveals the names of two officials within the Young Americans for Freedom organization who appear to have been involved in the publication and mailing of the fundraising letter. The named individuals are Mr. Edward Lesley, National Director of Young Americans for Freedom, and Mr. Robert Dolan, identified as the Chairman of Young Americans for Freedom.

Commission records identify Mr. Robert E. Dolan as treasurer of a registered political committee named "Young Americans for Freedom Political Action Committee" ("the Committee"). The mailing address of the Committee is Woodland Road, Box 1002, Sterling, Virginia, 22170. The committee is registered with the Commission as the separate segregated fund of Young Americans for Freedom. The Committee's Statement of Organization lists Young Americans for Freedom as a corporation. The Clerk's Office in the State of Virginia lists Young Americans for Freedom as a nonstock corporation.

II. Legal Analysis

1. Use of Corporate Treasury Funds to make Expenditures in Connection with Federal Elections.

2 U.S.C. § 441b(a) makes "[i]t unlawful for any ... corporation whatever, or any labor organization to make a contribution or expenditure in connection with any [federal] election." The terms "contribution or expenditure" are defined broadly to include "any direct or indirect payment, distribution, loan, advance, deposit, or gift of money, or any services, or anything of value..." 2 U.S.C. § 441b(b)(2).

The general prohibition, however, is subject to limited exceptions. One such exception allows corporations, labor organizations, coopertives and corporations without capital stock to use treasury funds to establish, administer, and solicit contributions to "separate segregated funds to be utilized for political purposes." 2 U.S.C. § 441b(b)(2)(C). These organizations may not, however, contribute to the separate segregated funds <u>1</u>/ nor may they solicit contributions to their funds from the general public. They may solicit contributions only from limited classes connected with the soliciting organization.

In the case of a corporation, 2 U.S.C. § 441b(b)(4) allows solicitation of a corporation's stockholders and their families and its executive and administrative personnel and their families. Furthermore, 2 U.S.C. § 441b(b)(4)(c) allows a corporation without capital stock to solicit contributions to its separate segregated fund from members of such corporation.

The documentation submitted by the Department of Justice provides evidence that the Young Americans for Freedom violated

<u>1/ See Pipefitters Local Union No. 562 v. United States</u>, 407 U.S. 385, 428-32 (1972) 2 U.S.C. § 441b(a). Specifically, it appears that the Young Americans for Freedom, a non-stock corporation, made expenditures in connection with a federal election in violation of § 441b(a). The expenditures consist of the costs involved in the publication and distribution of a direct mail communication which appears to advocate the reelection of President Ronald Reagan in the upcoming 1984 presidential election and which solicits contributions towards that end.

The above-referenced expenditures do not appear to fall within the exempted category of expenditures provided in 2 U.S.C. § 441b(b)(2)(c). Nowhere in the letter is there any language suggesting that the solicitation is made on behalf of the separate segregated fund of Young Americans for Freedom. All references are to the corporation itself. The letter repeatedly states that it is sent on behalf of the Young Americans for Freedom and that contributions solicited should be made to Young Americans for Freedom. In addition, there is nothing in the letter to suggest that it was sent only to the corporation's solicitable class of individuals. The letter begins with the salutation of "Dear Friend" and contains none of the disclaimers required by 11 C.F.R. § 114.5(a)(5).

Based on the foregoing, the Office of General Counsel recommends that the Commission open a Matter Under Review and find reason to believe that Young Americans for Freedom violated 2 U.S.C. § 441b(a).

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2. Failure to Include Section 441d Disclaimer on Solicitation

2 U.S.C. § 441d requires that any direct mail solicitation bear a disclaimer stating the name of the person who paid for the communication and whether or not the communication was authorized by any candidate or candidate committee.

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Information contained in the subject communication indicates that Young Americans for Freedom was responsible for the publication and mailing of a direct mail solicitation. In that the solicitation fails to reflect who paid for or authorized the communication, we recommend that the Commission find reason to believe that Young Americans for Freedom violated 2 U.S.C. \$ 441d.



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

Robert E. Dolan, Treasurer Young Americans for Freedom Political Action Committee Woodland Road, Box 1002 Sterling, Virginia 22170

Re: MUR

Young Americans for Freedom Political Action Committee Robert E. Dolan, Treasurer

Dear Mr. Dolan:

On , 198, the Federal Election Commission determined that there is reason to believe Young Americans for Freedom Political Action Committee and you, as treasurer, violated 2 U.S.C. § 434, a provision of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended ("the Act"). The General Counsel's factual and legal analysis, which formed a basis for the Commission's finding, is attached for your information.

Under the Act, you have an opportunity to demonstrate that no action should be taken against you and the committee. You may submit any factual or legal materials which you believe are relevant to the Commission's consideration of this matter. Please submit any such materials within ten days of your receipt of this letter.

In the absence of any additional information which demonstrates that no further action should be taken against your committee and you, as treasurer, the Commission may find probable cause to believe that a violation has occurred and proceed with conciliation. Of course, this does not preclude the settlement of this matter through conciliation prior to a finding of probable cause to believe if so desired. See 11 C.F.R. § 111.18(d).

If you intend to be represented by counsel in this matter, please advise the Commission by completing the enclosed form

Letter to Robert E. Dolan Page 2

stating the name, address and telephone number of such counsel, and a statement authorizing such counsel to receive any notifications and other communications from the Commission.

The investigation now being conducted will be confidential in accordance with 2 U.S.C. §§ 437g(a)(4)(B) and 437g(a)(12)(A), unless you notify the Commission in writing that you wish the investigation to be made public.

For your information, we have attached a brief description of the Commission's procedures for handling possible violations of the Act. If you have any questions, please contact Beverly Kramer, the staff member assigned to this matter, at (202)523-4143.

Sincerely,

Enclosures General Counsel's Factual and Legal Analysis Procedures

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

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Respondent: Young Americans for Freedom Political Action Committee Robert E. Dolan, Treasurer

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SUMMARY OF ALLEGATIONS

The evidence submitted by the Department of Justice raises two issues concerning the Young American for Freedom. In addition, information ascertained in the normal course our review raises the following issue with regard to the Young Americans for Freedom Political Action Committee:

By failing to file a 1982 Year End Report and reports of receipts and disbursements for calendar years 1983 and 1984, the Young Americans for Freedom Political Action Committee and Robert E. Dolan, as treasurer, violated 2 U.S.C. § 434.

FACTUAL BASIS AND LEGAL ANALYSIS

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According to Commission records, the Committee registered with the Commission on July 7, 1980. The last report filed by the Committee was its 1982 30 Day Post-General Election Report covering the period October 13, 1982 through November 22, 1982. */ The Committee has not filed a Year End Report for calendar year 1982 nor has it filed reports for calendar years 1983 and 1984. Furthermore, the Committee has not filed a termination report pursuant 2 U.S.C. § 433(d) and 11 C.F.R. § 102.3 or a request for administrative termination under 11 C.F.R. § 102.4.

^{*/} In addition, we note that the Committee failed to file all of its 1982 reports until January 3, 1982. The reports show minimal activity, however. Total receipts for the 1981-82 election cycle (up through November 22, 1982) were \$1,086. Total disbursements were \$1,519. The last report filed shows a closing cash balance of \$329.38.

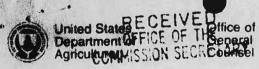
II. Legal Analysis

Failure to file Reports

2 U.S.C. § 434 requires the treasurer of a political committee to file reports of receipts and disbursements. Pursuant to 2 U.S.C. § 433(d), a political committee may terminate its reporting obligations only when such committee files a written statement that it will no longer receive any contributions or make any disbursements and that such committee has not outstanding debts or obligations. <u>See</u> also, 11 C.F.R. § 102.3.

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The Commission's records reveal that Young Americans for Freedom Political Action Committee has failed to file reports in accordance with 2 U.S.C. § 434. The Committee has not filed a termination report or statement required by 2 U.S.C. § 433(d), hence the Committee still has a reporting obligation under 2 U.S.C. § 434. Accordingly, the Office of General Counsel recommends that the Commission find reason to believe that the Young Americans for Freedom Political Action Committee and Robert E. Dolan, as treasurer, violated 2 U.S.C. § 434.



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The Honorable Stephen S. Trott Assistant Attorney General Criminal Division U. S. Department of Justice Washington, D. C. 20530

Dear Mr. Trott:

This letter responds to the letter to John R. Block, Secretary of Agriculture (the Secretary), from John C. Keeney, Acting Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, dated March 2, 1984. The letter concerned a fundraising solicitation of Young Americans for Freedom (YAF).

You note that the YAF fundraising letter requested: "a contribution to the YAF, to enable that organization to 'promote Ronald Reagan and his programs' in the upcoming 1984 Presidential election. The letterhead of this solicitation displays in the upper left-hand corner a likeness of the Great Seal of the United States."

You refer to 18 U.S.C. § 713, "which prohibits the knowing display of any likeness or facsimile of the Great Seal of the United States on, among other things, stationery in a manner reasonably calculated to convey a false impression of sponsorship or approval by the United States government." You write that "such utilization of the Great Seal is proscribed by Section 713."

I have discussed this matter with the Secretary and with members of his staff who possess knowledge of the YAF letter. At the time the YAF letter was apparently written, matters of this type were routinely handled by members of his staff. Members of the Secretary's staff talked with Mr. Robert Stuber of the direct mail firm of Bruce Eberle and Associates in connection with the letter. Mr. Stuber was their point of contact with YAF. Aides to the Secretary reviewed and approved the text of the letter. However, prior to the publication and apparent mailing of the letter, no Department staffer either saw, approved, or had any prior knowledge of the specific features of the letter, including

the letterhead, the use of the Great Seal, or the return address on the envelope in which these materials were sent. Some or all of the foregoing features would have been disapproved had they been revealed prior to the publication and distribution of the fundraiser. No one at this Department approved any of these features subsequent to its publication and distribution. The specific date or dates when YAF published and mailed the fundraiser are unknown to us.

Until March 29, 1984, the Secretary saw neither the text of the letter in question nor the YAF solicitation letter which you enclosed. Until last week the Secretary had no knowledge of the existence of the YAF letter nor of the use of his name and signature by YAF. The Secretary neither knew of nor gave permission for the use of the Great Seal, the letterhead, nor any other aspect of the letter. The signature on the letter was a facsimile of his signature, which had been sent to YAF by aides to the Secretary.

On September 19, 1983, Fred F. Fielding, Counsel to the President, wrote to Mr. Edward Lesley, National Director of YAF, that Secretary Block "as a general rule will no longer allow his signature to be used on any direct fundraising solicitation letters sponsored by political organizations." I have enclosed a copy of this letter.

Aides to the Secretary first became aware of the specific features of the YAF fundraiser discussed above in September, 1983. At that time, members of the Secretary's staff repeatedly informed Mr. Robert Stuber, both over the telephone and in person, that no further such letters should be sent out. On these occasions, Mr. Stuber responded that the fundraiser would not be sent out again. Apparently, this request has not been followed.

YAF was sent a copy of your March 2, 1984, letter to the Secretary raising legal questions about the letter. On March 12, 1984, Daniel Oliver, General Counsel of this Department, orally informed Mr. Robert Dolan, Chairman of YAF, not to use the name or signature of Secretary Block. On March 21, he wrote to Mr. Dolan to repeat this instruction. I have written to Mr. Dolan again to this effect. Copies of these letters are enclosed.

Mr. Keeney's letter to the Secretary also refers to 2 U.S.C. § 441d. This section applies to communications or solicitations "expressly advocating the election or defeat of a clearly identified candidate." As I stated above, before last week the Secretarv had no knowledge of the letter, its contents, or its format. Moreover, the text of the letter was approved by aides to the Secretary many months before President Reagan's announcement that he would be a candidate for re-election. The YAF letter does not "expressly advocate" the election of President Reagan nor any other candidate. The letter does not solicit a contribution for any candidate, but for YAF. Thus, it would appear that this section is inapplicable to the YAF letter. In any event, the letter repeatedly states, including in its first sentence, that it is sent on behalf of YAF, and that the contribution solicited is for YAF.

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Very truly yours,

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W. Scott Burke Acting General Counsel

Enclosures

cc: Chairman, Federal Elections Commission

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September 19, 1983

Dear Mr. Lesley:

Thank you for your letter of September 7, 1983 expressing your concerns about the involvement of Administration officials in certain fundraising offorts for the Young Americans for Freedom ("YAF").

For your information, Secretary Plock has determined, for reasons guite independent from the concerns you raised, that as a general rule he will no longer allow his signature to be used on any direct fundraising solicitation letters sponsored by political organizations.

With respect to your concerns about the use of White House photographs by YAF, you should know that use of publicly released White house photographs violates no law or White House policy, so long as there is no unauthorized statement or suggestion of Fresidential or White House endorsement of or affiliation with a given organization or its efforts. Hence, while we neither "approve" nor participate in the use by YAF or other entities of such publicly released official White House photographs, we do not object absent misleading statements or suggestions of the sort just described.

Finally, to the extent your letter discusses disagreements among the members and leadership of YAF, I can appreciate that these are matters of great importance to you. I hope you also can appreciate, however, the reasons Administration officials simply cannot become involved in any internal disputes of this kind.

Sincerely,

Orig. signed by FFF

Fred F. Fielding Counsel to the President

Mr. Edward Lesley. National Director Young Americans for Freedom 800 Fourth Street Suite 804S Washington, D.C. 20021

cc: The Secretary of Acriculture



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REGISTERED MAIL RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

March 21, 1984

Mr. Robert E. Dolan Chairman Young American for Freedom Nox 1002 Sterling, Virginia 22170

Dear Mr. Dolan:

This letter is to inform you that neither YAF nor any affiliated organization has permission to use the name or signature of John R. Block, Secretary of Agriculture, for any purpose until you have received written permission to do so from this Department.

Sincerely,

Daniel Oliver General Counsel



Office of General Counsel

Washington, D.C. 20250

March 30, 1984

REGISTERED MAIL

RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Robert E. Dolan, Esquire Chairman Young Americans for Freedom Box 1002 Sterling, Virginia 22170

Dear Mr. Dolan:

This letter will supplement the March 21, 1984, letter to you from Daniel Oliver, General Counsel of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, which advised you that neither YAF nor any organization affiliated with YAF may use for any purpose the name or signature of John R. Block, Secretary of Agriculture.

I wish to emphasize again that neither Young Americans for Freedom (YAF), nor any organization affiliated with YAF, may use for any purpose the name or signature of John R. Block, Secretary of Agriculture. We understand that on some occasion or occasions during 1983 and 1984, the specific date or dates of which are unknown to us, YAF sent a written fund-raising appeal to the public, with Secretary Block's signature. This letter was composed by, or with the assistance of, the firm of Bruce Eberle & Associates. Mr. Robert Stuber of this firm was the point of contact between YAF and the Secretary's staff on this issue.

Members of the Secretary's staff reviewed and approved the text of the letter in question. However, no one in this Department saw the letter as actually mailed or reviewed or approved its specific features before it was published or mailed. No one in this Department approved or knew that YAF would reproduce the Great Seal of the United States on the letter, that "USDA" would be printed below the Great Seal, nor that the letter would be headed with the words "Office of the Secretary, John R. Block, U.S. Department of Agriculture." No one in this Department knew of or gave approval for the format of the envelope in which the enclosures were sent, including as part of the return address the use of the Secretary's signature and the words "Office of the Secretary, United States Department of Agriculture." Subsequent to its publication and distribution, no one in this Department approved these features

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of the fund-raiser. Some or all of the foregoing features would have been disapproved had they been revealed prior to the publication and distribution of the letter.

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On September 19, 1983, after they had first learned that a fund-raising packet of the foregoing description had been published and distributed to the public, staff aides to the Secretary informed Mr. Stuber of Bruce Eberle & Associates that there should be no further mailings of this letter. This instruction was repeated in person to Mr. Stuber a few days thereafter. On both occasions, Mr. Stuber responded that no further letters would be sent. Apparently, this promise has been violated repeatedly by YAF. On March 2, 1984, John C. Keeney, Acting Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, U.S. Department of Justice, sent to YAF a copy of a letter to Secretary Block setting forth possible legal problems created by this letter. On March 12, 1984, Daniel Oliver met with you and told you not to use the Secretary's name or signature. He wrote to you on March 21, 1984, repeating this instruction.

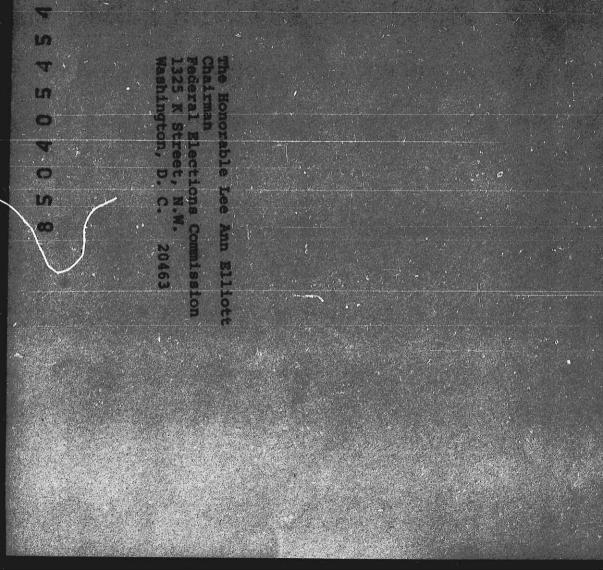
I trust that this letter makes clear that neither the Secretary's name nor signature may be used for any purposes by YAF or any affiliated YAF organization. I am sending a copy of this letter, with enclosures, to MacKenzie Canter III, Esquire, of the law firm of Canter, Kent and Sullivan, who has contacted me and represented himself to be an attorney representing YAF on this matter.

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W. Scott Burke Acting General Counsel

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Mr. Kenneth Gross Associate General Counsel Federal Election Commission 1325 K Street, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20463

Dear Ken:

Enclosed as you requested in our conversation on March 12th is a copy of the complaint we received regarding a fundraising appeal by Secretary of Agriculture John R. Block. The complaint was from Congressman Ted Weiss, and forwarded a copy of a solicitation one of the Congressman's constituents received. No solicitation envelope reflecting a date of mailing was submitted.

As I noted, the subject of the Congressman's concerns pertained to violations of the great seal statute, 18 U.S.C. §713, and not violations of the Federal Election Campaign Act. I noticed the lack of an FECA disclaimer during my review of this matter, and by letter of March 2, 1984, the Department referred this aspect of the matter to the FEC.

If we can be of further assistance, please call.

Sincerely,

Gerald E. McDowell, Chief Public Integrity Section Criminal Division

By:

NANCY S. STEWART, Attorney Public Integrity Section

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Patricia S. Fleming



Congress of the United States House of Representatives

February 8, 1984

The Honorable William French Smith Attorney General Department of Justice Washington, D.C. 20530

Dear Mr. Attorney General:

I am writing to draw your attention to what I believe is an inappropriate -- and perhaps illegal -- use of a cabinet office to raise funds for a private political organization.

A constituent recently forwarded to me a fundraising letter signed by Secretary of Agriculture John R. Block on behalf of group called Young Americans for Freedom. The constituent inquired whether such an appeal from a cabinet secretary is illegal or unethical.

A copy of Secretary Block's correspondence is enclosed. As you can see, the letterhead is designed to suggest endorsement by the U.S. government and Department of Agriculture of the letter's political and partisan message. Featured at the top of the first page are the words, "Office of Secretary John R. Block, U.S. Department of Agriculture," and a facsimile of the Great Seal of the United States.

U.S. Code 18 § 713 states that use of the Great Seal or a facsimile to "convey...a false impression of sponsorship or approval by the government of the United States or by any department, agency, or instrumentality thereof" is illegal and punishable by a fine or prison sentence. The statute directs complaints to the Attorney General.

Your prompt review of this matter is respectfully requested. I look forward to your response.

Sincerely

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John R. Block U.S. Department of Agriculture

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Dear Friend,

On behalf of Young Americans for Freedom, I am pleased to present you with the enclosed official White House photograph of President Ronald Reagan.

I hope that you will accept this picture in appreciation for all the support which you have given to President Reagan.

To verify that you received the enclosed photograph in good condition, I would like to ask you to return the enclosed "Verification" slip to me. If your photo is scratched, folded or otherwise damaged, another copy will be forwarded to you immediately.

So please, if there's anything wrong with the enclosed photo, let me know so that I can see that it is replaced. Thank you.

Oh yes, there is one other thing that you can do, which I think would greatly please President Reagan. As a member of his Cabinet, I know that he would greatly appreciate a personal word of encouragement from you.

Believe me, I know how hard it is to take the bitter attacks which he endures each and every day from the liberals and their allies in the news media. That's why your note of encouragement would mean so much to him.

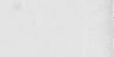
Use the enclosed postcard (or better yet your own stationary) to tell him in your own words how much you appreciate the job he is doing. Thanks.

Now I'd like to tell you why I personally believe that the next few months are going to be critically important for the future of this country which you and I love.

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The powerful forces arrayed against Ronald _ 1980 Reagan are poised to drive him from the White House in 1984.

The election is going to be a head to head struggle between those who cherish America and Her traditions of freedom versus those who would destroy the American way of life as you and I have known it.

Make no mistake about it, the liberal Democrat who opposes Ronald Reagan for the Presidency will carry forward the same bankrupt policies of high taxes and big spending.

Unlike President Reagan, the Democrats want to centralize more power in Washington, D.C.

Incredibly, they seek a return to the same policies which brought us interest rates in excess of 20% and inflation of more than 13%.

Their answer to the growing threat from Communist Russia is appeasement and unilateral disarmament.

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The choice will be between the return to the failed policies of FDR and Jimmy Carter or the conservative program of Ronald Reagan.

If the issues were presented fairly I believe the American people would overwhelmingly reject liberalism. But unfortunately, Ronald Reagan will be facing a stacked deck.

How can he hope to have his side of the story presented honestly by a biased news media? It just won't happen.

That's why this letter to you is so urgent and extremely important.

Since you and I don't have access to a fair and impartial news media, we must seek another means of presenting the true story to America.

And there is one group that I believe can best accomplish this Herculean effort. That group is

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As President Reagan will tell you himself, there has been no other group as loyal to him and his principles as Young Americans for Freedom.

When Ronald Reagan was Governor of California he knew that he could always count on the members of YAF to support his policies and programs.

Today, with nearly 100,000 members on 650 college and university campuses, Young Americans for Freedom is ready to spread the message of Ronald Reagan's accomplishments to the American people.

YAF has the troops to promote Ronald Reagan and his programs from coast to coast.

Through literature, news articles, appearances on T.V. and radio talk shows, bumper stickers, posters and debates, YAF members are prepared to bring President Reagan's vital message to loyal Americans.

And on our college campuses YAF members are ready to counter the anti-American and anti-Reagan radicals that breed there.

And, it is my personal view that <u>now</u> is the time for Young Americans for Freedom to take action. Before the liberals are successful in distorting and misrepresenting Ronald Reagan's programs. Before it is too late.

But unfortunately a vital effort such as I've described takes money. Lots of money.

Even a simple news release takes money for printing, postage and envelopes.

And the sad fact is, while the liberals and their myriad of leftist organizations are feeding at the public trough on your tax dollars, the members of Young Americans for Freedom are totally dependent on you and me for support.

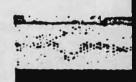
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men and women are ready to answer the call, but the truth is, the funds simply aren't there to pay for the literature and training sessions which must be held if Ronald Reagan is to succeed.

It's terribly unfair. But it is the situation we face.

That's why I hope you will help today.

Because I know that you love your country deeply, I hope that you will find a way to support these deserving young men and women.

Can you send \$15 today for this special project?

In fact, if you can send much more then I certainly hope that you will.

If you can send \$10,000 do it. Or \$1,000 or \$100.

But, if you could at least send \$15, it would give a tremendous boost to this most worthwhile cause.

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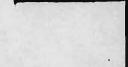
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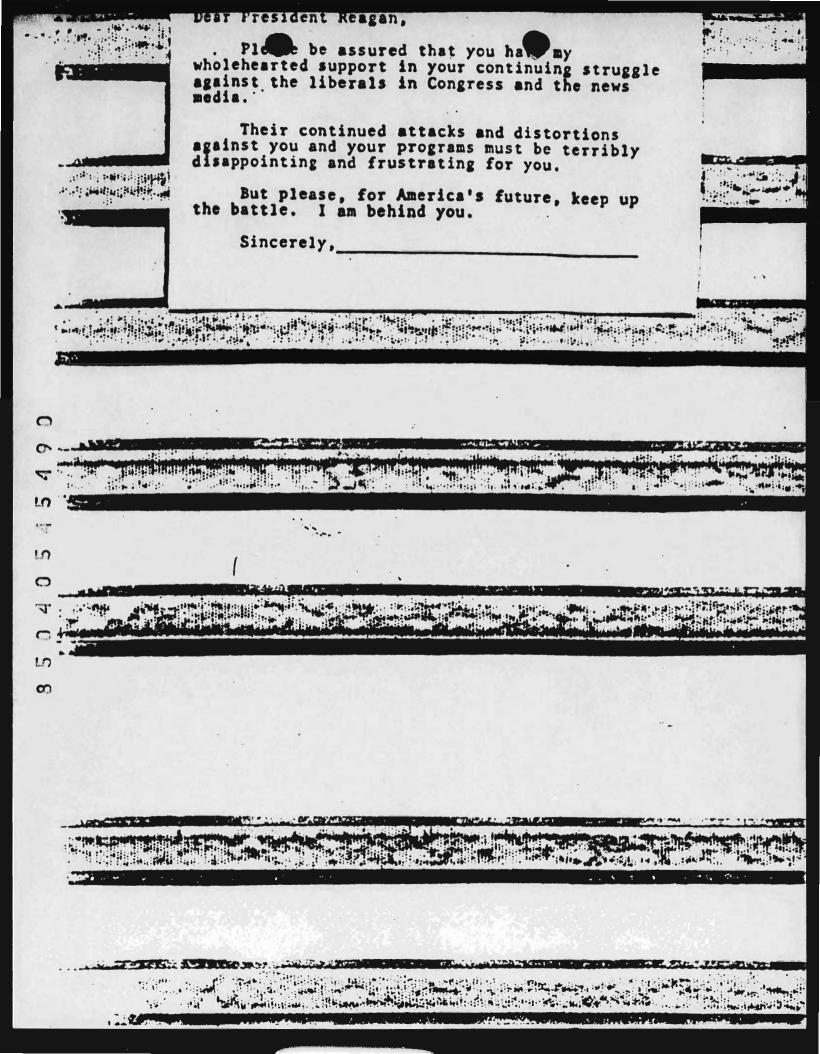
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The attached has been circulated for your information.

U.S. Department of Justice

Criminal Division

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MARCH 2, 1984

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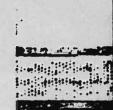
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SUBJECT:

Young Americans for Freedom

On March 12, 1984, I spoke with Nancy Stewart of Department of Justice and she said she would send over the original complaint and other background material. I believe we should handle as an internally generated matter since Department of Justice noticed the 441d problem in the course of their investigation on the use of the Great Seal and referred the matter to the FEC which we received in the ordinary course of our responsibilities.



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Mr. Charles N. Steele General Counsel Federal Election Commission 1325 K Street, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20463

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Dear Mr. Steele: Charlie,

Enclosed please find a photocopy of a solicitation recently referred to our Office. The solicitation was sent out over the signature of Secretary of Agriculture John R. Block on behalf of an organization called the "Young Americans for Freedom."

The mailing appears to solicit contributions and to advocate support for President Ronald Reagan's 1984 reelection, and yet does not have the disclaimer required by the Federal Election Campaign Act, 2 U.S.C. §441d. We are forwarding this matter to the Federal Election Commission for whatever action the Commission deems appropriate. A copy of our letter to Secretary Block advising of our referral to you is enclosed herein for your information.

Sincerely,

By:

Gerald E. McDowell, Chief Public Integrity Section Criminal Division

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We trust this information will prove useful to you in any future solicitations contemplated.

Sincerely,

John C. Keeney Acting Assistant Attorney General Criminal Division (Pursuant to 28 C.F.R. 0.132)

cc: Young Americans for Freedom Woodland Road Washington, D.C. 20069

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Make no mistake about it, the liberal Democrat who opposes Ronald Reagan for the Presidency will carry forward the same bankrupt policies of high taxes and big spending.

Unlike President Reagan, the Democrats want to centralize more power in Washington, D.C.

Incredibly, they seek a return to the same policies which brought us interest rates in excess of 20% and inflation of more than 13%.

Their answer to the growing threat from Communist Russia is appeasement and unilateral disarmament.

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If the issues were presented fairly I believe the American people would overwhelmingly reject liberalism. But unfortunately, Ronald Reagan will be facing a stacked deck.

How can he hope to have his side of the story presented honestly by a biased news media? It just won't happen.

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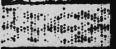
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It's terribly unfair. But it is the situation we face.

That's why I hope you will help today.

Because I know that you love your country deeply, I hope that you will find a way to support these deserving young men and women.

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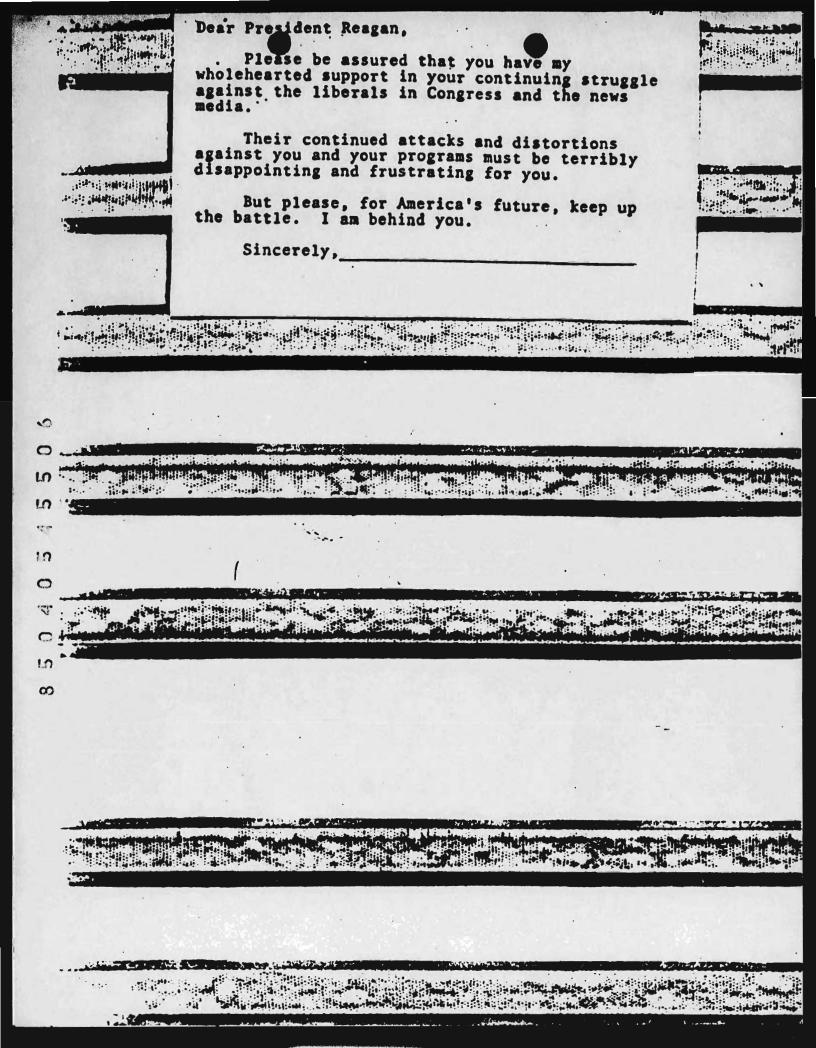
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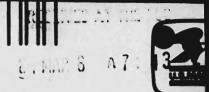
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September 9, 1985

Daniel Oliver, Esquire W. Scott Burke, Esquire Office of the General Counsel U.S. Department of Agriculture 14th and Independence Avenue, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20250

> RE: MUR 1707 John R. Block

Dear Messrs. Oliver & Burke:

This is to advise you that the entire file in this matter has now been closed and will become part of the public record within thirty days. Should you wish to submit any legal or factual materials to be placed on the public record in connection with this matter, please do so within 10 days. Please note that MUR 1701 was merged in MUR 1707 on August 7, 1984. Therefore, the closed file will be indexed as MUR 1707.

Should you have any questions, contact Judy Thedford, the staff member assigned to this matter, at (202) 523-4000.

Sincerely,

Charles N. Steele General Counsel

BY: / Kenneth A. Gross Associate General Counsel