



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

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

29 JUL 1976

Mr. Shannon J. Hannah
Box 193, R.D. 2
Pittsfield, PA

Re: MUR 188 (76)

Dear Mr. Hannah:

I have received your letter of July 3, 1976, alleging violations of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended, (the Act) by President Ford, the Republican Party and the Republican National Committee. I have reviewed your allegations and have concluded that the allegations against President Ford do not give reason to believe that a violation of the Act has occurred and that the Federal Election Commission does not have authority over the other matters set forth.

Should additional information come to your attention which you believe to be within the jurisdiction of the Commission, please contact me again. The attorney assigned to this case was Gloria R. Sulton (telephone no. 202/382-4041).

Sincerely yours,

Signed: John G. Murphy, Jr.

John G. Murphy, Jr.
General Counsel

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C.



July 28, 1976

MEMORANDUM TO: BILL OLDAKER

FROM: MARGE EMMONS

All of the MURS listed below were transmitted to the
Commission on July 27, 1976 - 9:00 a.m.. As of
July 28, 1976 - 11:30 a.m., no objections were received
in MURS 063 (75); 188 (76);
189 (76)

BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

In the Matter of

President Ford/
Republican Party/
Republican National Committee

MUR 188 (76)

CERTIFICATION

I, Marjorie W. Emmons, Secretary to the Federal Election Commission, do hereby certify that on July 29, 1976, the Commission adopted the recommendation of the General Counsel that it finds no reason to believe that a violation of the Federal Election Campaign Act, as amended, had been committed in the above-captioned matter.

Accordingly, the file in this case has been closed.

Marjorie W. Emmons
Marjorie W. Emmons
Secretary to the Commission

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DATE AND TIME OF TRANSMITTAL: JUL 26 1976

NO. MUR 188 (76)

REC'D: 7/6/76

FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
Washington, D. C.

Complainant's Name: Shannon J. Hannah (unnotarized)

Respondent's Name: President Ford/Republican Party/Republican National Comm.

Relevant Statute: Unknown

Internal Reports Checked: None

Federal Agencies Checked: None

SUMMARY OF ALLEGATION

- 1) White House "tactics" used by President Ford to promote his candidacy are illegal.
- 2) Changes in "rules" by Republican Party disadvantage Mr. Reagan's campaign.
- 3) Allocation of gallery seats and motel rooms by the Republican National Committee at the convention to the White House, in addition to those allocated to the President Ford Committee, is unfair.

PRELIMINARY LEGAL ANALYSIS

- 1) Insufficient information to give reason to believe a violation of the Act has occurred.
- 2) No jurisdiction.
- 3) No jurisdiction.

RECOMMENDATION

Close file. Send attached letter.

Date of Next Commission Review: _____

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July 3, 1976

Box 193 RD 2

Pittsfield, Pa.

Dear Sir;

I am not a candidate for public office. I am writing to protest the White House tactics being used by President Ford against Ronald Reagan. I will accept no contributions. President Ford's use of the White House to promote his campaign is illegal in my opinion.

Apart from the White House thing I protest highly the rules being changed in the late states in the Republican party in order to give Ford the delegates while the other part of the country were uniform. Had Ronald Reagan had the rules change at the beginning he would have already had all the delegates he needed to win. This is corruption at its worst. The majority favors Reagan I believe.

Turn over please -)

I think the Republican National Committee should
choose a temporary chairman acceptable to both
candidates because of the central role that
official could play in early convention man-
-euvering

I also protest as unfair the allocation of 450 gallery
seats and 200 motel rooms to the White House
in addition to the President Ford Committee.
I shall call Congressmen if I do not see
action against this usurpation of power. I
want Ronald Reagan on equal footing with
Ford because I aim to vote for Reagan
in the election regardless if I have to
write him in. I repeat I am not a candidate
and I will accept no contributions from anybody.
Good day

Shannon J. Hannah

Shannon John Hannah
Box 193 RD 2

Pittsfield, Pa.

"Complaint" Official Business

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