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**U.S. CONGRESSMAN
BILL HUGHES**

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September 23, 1992

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Lawrence Noble, Esq.
General Counsel
Federal Elections Commission
999 E Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20463

Dear Mr. Noble:

Pursuant to 2 U.S. Code, Section 441 d, I hereby file a formal complaint against the campaign of my opponent, Frank LoBiondo, for the distribution of unauthorized campaign materials.

My complaint is based on three posters which Mr. LoBiondo, through his supporters and volunteers, distributed throughout parts of the Second Congressional District of New Jersey during the weekend of September 18-20, and a billboard displaying these posters in the City of Millville during the same period.

Enclosed please find copies of the three posters and photographs of the billboard in question. As you will see, neither the posters--one of which likens me to Adolf Hitler--nor the billboard contains a disclaimer identifying who authorized or paid for them.

Section 441 d is very clear on this point, requiring a disclaimer on "anything that constitutes public political advertising that advocates the election or defeat of a clearly identified candidate."

There is no question but that the poster which portrays a picture of Adolf Hitler giving a Nazi salute in front of a bullseye target, with the caption "Dump Bill Hughes" underneath, is intended to advocate my defeat. Similarly, the two other posters clearly advocate my defeat, as does the billboard which was displayed to thousands of sportsmen attending a jamboree in Millville. None of them contains a disclaimer, as required by law.

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I first became aware of one of these unauthorized campaign posters when I learned that it was being distributed at the Zeus Gun Shop in Cardiff, N.J. Subsequently, I learned that the posters and fliers had been posted on dozens, and perhaps hundreds, of automobiles parked outside the Vineland-Buena high school football game on the evening of Friday, September 18, 1992.

On Sunday, September 20, 1992, I personally confronted Mr. LoBiondo at the campaign booth which the New Jersey Coalition of Sportsmen had set up at the jamboree in Millville. At the time of our confrontation, Mr. LoBiondo was standing in front of a booth and billboard on which the unauthorized posters, including the Hitler characterization, were prominently displayed, along with other LoBiondo brochures and bumper stickers which contained a proper disclaimer. In addition, I observed stacks of the unauthorized posters on the table in front of him, side by side with other LoBiondo brochures and bumper stickers, where they were being handed out by his supporters. This was all witnessed by others, including two persons accompanying me.

We picked up copies of the posters and saw that they had no disclaimers. I showed one of the posters to Mr. LoBiondo and another individual with him, and asked them who had authorized and paid for these materials. They both responded that they had no knowledge of them.

That is just not worthy of belief, given that Mr. LoBiondo was standing in front of the booth and billboard where the materials were posted in full view, there were stacks of the posters, LoBiondo campaign brochures and bumper stickers on the table in front of him, and he and his supporters were observed participating in the efforts to hand them out along with his other campaign literature.

Moreover, the individual standing with Mr. LoBiondo, who I cannot identify at this time, had one of the posters plastered across his chest, yet he said he had no knowledge of the materials. In addition, as I drove into the jamboree, the hundreds of cars on both sides of the street and in the parking areas were plastered with these materials.


It is clear to me that Mr. LoBiondo knew about these posters, that he encouraged and/or condoned them and their content, and that he violated the law by the distribution and posting of these unauthorized materials through his volunteers and supporters.

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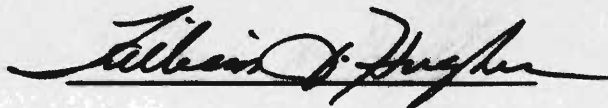
Given these facts, I am requesting a formal investigation by the Federal Elections Commission, to determine any and all violations of 2 USC Sec. 441 d by Frank LoBiondo, and his campaign volunteers and supporters who were involved in the production and distribution of these materials.

If you have any questions or require any additional information, please feel free to contact my office.

Sincerely,


WILLIAM J. HUGHES
Member of Congress

I, William J. Hughes, of full age, do solemnly swear that the information contained herein is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.



Signed and sworn to before
me this 22nd day of September,
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Notary Public

SUZANNE ABELE-EBANKS
NOTARY PUBLIC, DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
My Commission Expires October 31, 1994

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DUMP BILL HUGHES**

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**EVERYONE IN FAVOR
OF GUN CONTROL
RAISE YOUR
RIGHT HAND**

Order Targets From JPFO

50 Targets	\$8.95
100 Targets	12.95
200 Targets	21.95

Prices include Postage in U.S.A.

DUMP BILL HUGHES

HUNTERS BEWARE!

Congressman Hughes is taking aim at YOUR Rights!

Congressman Hughes doesn't want YOU on PUBLIC Lands!

- That's right. While he spends YOUR money, Congressman Hughes is telling YOU where not to hunt.
- Congressman Hughes voted against the Marlenee Amendment which would have allowed YOU to hunt on public lands.
- There are 43 national parks in this country that allow hunting. But Congressman Hughes wants to keep you from exercising your right to use those parks.
- Congressman Hughes supports the outright ban of you and your family to hunt on 1.5 million acres of national parks.

Congressman Hughes is threatening to
END all hunting on all public lands.

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

September 30, 1992

Honorable Bill Hughes
P.O. Box 178
Ocean City, NJ 08226

RE: MUR 3623

Dear Congressman Hughes:

This letter acknowledges receipt on September 25, 1992, of your complaint alleging possible violations of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended ("the Act"), by Frank A. Lobiondo, the Zeus Gun Shop, the Lobiondo Committee to Change Congress, and Andrew J. McCrosson, Jr., as treasurer and the New Jersey Coalition of Sportsmen. The respondents will be notified of this complaint within five days.

You will be notified as soon as the Federal Election Commission takes final action on your complaint. Should you receive any additional information in this matter, please forward it to the Office of the General Counsel. Such information must be sworn to in the same manner as the original complaint. We have numbered this matter MUR 3623. Please refer to this number in all future correspondence. For your information, we have attached a brief description of the Commission's procedures for handling complaints.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Jonathan Bernstein", is written over the typed name.

Jonathan A. Bernstein
Assistant General Counsel

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

September 30, 1992

**President
New Jersey Coalition of Sportsmen
260 Columbia Avenue
Ft. Lee, NJ 07024**

RE: MUR 3623

Dear Sir:

The Federal Election Commission received a complaint which indicates that the New Jersey Coalition of Sportsmen ("Organization") may have violated the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended ("the Act"). A copy of the complaint is enclosed. We have numbered this matter MUR 3623. Please refer to this number in all future correspondence.

Under the Act, you have the opportunity to demonstrate in writing that no action should be taken against the Organization in this matter. Please submit any factual or legal materials which you believe are relevant to the Commission's analysis of this matter. Where appropriate, statements should be submitted under oath. Your response, which should be addressed to the General Counsel's Office, must be submitted within 15 days of receipt of this letter. If no response is received within 15 days, the Commission may take further action based on the available information.

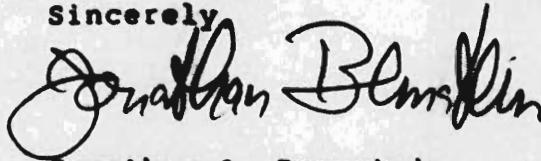
This matter will remain confidential in accordance with 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(4)(B) and § 437g(a)(12)(A) unless you notify the Commission in writing that you wish the matter to be made public. If you intend to be represented by counsel in this matter, please advise the Commission by completing the enclosed form stating the name, address and telephone number of such counsel, and authorizing such counsel to receive any notifications and other communications from the Commission.

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New Jersey Coalition of Sportsmen
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If you have any questions, please contact Richard M. Zanfardino, the staff member assigned to this matter, at (202) 219-3690. For your information, we have enclosed a brief description of the Commission's procedures for handling complaints.

Sincerely,



Jonathan A. Bernstein
Assistant General Counsel

Enclosures

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20461

September 30, 1992

Frank A. Lobiondo
1754 Wynnewood Drive
Vineland, NJ 08360

RE: MUR 3623

Dear Mr. Lobiondo:

The Federal Election Commission received a complaint which indicates that you may have violated the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended ("the Act"). A copy of the complaint is enclosed. We have numbered this matter MUR 3623. Please refer to this number in all future correspondence.

Under the Act, you have the opportunity to demonstrate in writing that no action should be taken against you in this matter. Please submit any factual or legal materials which you believe are relevant to the Commission's analysis of this matter. Where appropriate, statements should be submitted under oath. Your response, which should be addressed to the General Counsel's Office, must be submitted within 15 days of receipt of this letter. If no response is received within 15 days, the Commission may take further action based on the available information.

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Sincerely,



Jonathan A. Bernstein
Assistant General Counsel

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

September 30, 1992

Owner,
Zeus Gun Shop
6679 Black Horse Pike
Cardiff, NJ 08106

RE: MUR 3623

Dear Sir:

The Federal Election Commission received a complaint which indicates that the Zeus Gun Shop may have violated the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended ("the Act"). A copy of the complaint is enclosed. We have numbered this matter MUR 3623. Please refer to this number in all future correspondence.

Under the Act, you have the opportunity to demonstrate in writing that no action should be taken against the Zeus Gun Shop in this matter. Please submit any factual or legal materials which you believe are relevant to the Commission's analysis of this matter. Where appropriate, statements should be submitted under oath. Your response, which should be addressed to the General Counsel's Office, must be submitted within 15 days of receipt of this letter. If no response is received within 15 days, the Commission may take further action based on the available information.

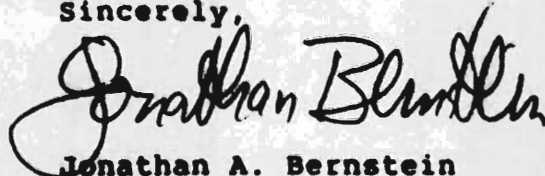
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If you have any questions, please contact Richard M. Zanfardino, the staff member assigned to this matter, at (202) 219-3690. For your information, we have enclosed a brief description of the Commission's procedures for handling complaints.

Sincerely,



Jonathan A. Bernstein
Assistant General Counsel

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

September 30, 1992

**Lobiondo Committee to Change Congress
Andrew J. McCrosson, Jr., Treasurer
738 Landis Avenue
Vineland, NJ 08360**

RE: MUR 3623

Dear Mr. McCrosson:

The Federal Election Commission received a complaint which indicates that the Lobiondo Committee to Change Congress ("Committee") and you, as treasurer, may have violated the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended ("the Act"). A copy of the complaint is enclosed. We have numbered this matter MUR 3623. Please refer to this number in all future correspondence.

Under the Act, you have the opportunity to demonstrate in writing that no action should be taken against the Committee and you, as treasurer, in this matter. Please submit any factual or legal materials which you believe are relevant to the Commission's analysis of this matter. Where appropriate, statements should be submitted under oath. Your response, which should be addressed to the General Counsel's Office, must be submitted within 15 days of receipt of this letter. If no response is received within 15 days, the Commission may take further action based on the available information.

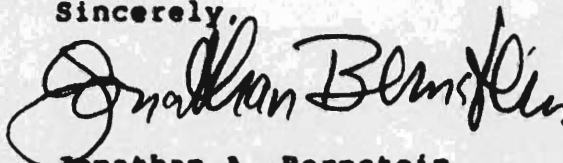
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Lobiondo Committee to Change Congress
Andrew J. McCrosson, Jr., Treasurer
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If you have any questions, please contact Richard M. Zanfardino, the staff member assigned to this matter, at (202) 219-3690. For your information, we have enclosed a brief description of the Commission's procedures for handling complaints.

Sincerely,



Jonathan A. Bernstein
Assistant General Counsel

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LoBIONDO *for* CONGRESS

... for us ... for a change

7 October 1992

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

Mr. Richard M. Zanfardino
Office of General Counsel
Federal Election Commission
999 E Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20483

Re: MUR 3623

Dear Mr. Zanfardino:

Please find enclosed Mr. LoBiondo's statement. It was to accompany our previous letter sent certified mail.

Sincerely,


Mary Annie Harper
Campaign Manager

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LoBIONDO *for* CONGRESS

... for us ... for a change

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
September 23, 1992

Contact Steve Wilson
at (609) 794-8777

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COMMISSION

LoBIONDO STATEMENT REGARDING HUGHES CHARGES

VINELAND -- Congressional Candidate Frank A. LoBiondo today issued the following statement regarding the Hughes charge.

"Congressman Bill Hughes is determined to drag this campaign in the gutter. He has issued an unsubstantiated and offensive personal attack on my integrity by charging that I was behind some anonymous and offensive campaign literature.

"I categorically deny any knowledge of, or involvement in producing or distributing this material. Bill Hughes has not offered a shred of evidence to support his charges other than his statements and innuendoes.

"If he is really interested in finding out who is behind this, he would have contacted me as soon as he found out about them. I would have been glad to join him in denouncing these tactics. He knows my phone number, why didn't he call?

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"He didn't call because he recognized the opportunity to make headlines with this disgusting material. Instead of contacting me when he found the material at a local gun shop, he staged a public confrontation with me at the Sportsmen's Jamboree. He then called for a phony investigation, knowing that the FEC will not get around to any examination of the charges until after the election.

"His misuse of the FEC is another example of how long term, entrenched incumbents manipulate the system to their own advantage. This campaign should be about the important issues facing this country and Bill Hughes's record in Congress. His desperate and unfounded personal attack can only be part of a carefully crafted strategy of obscuring these issues and diverting attention from his abuses of office.

"In order to join the real debate in this campaign let me challenge Bill Hughes to answer some questions:

1. how do you explain your continued opposition to a balanced budget amendment after your annual calls for action to balance the budget in your taxpayer-funded campaign mail?

2. How do you justify the 300 percent pay raise that you have received and supported since you went to Congress and how can you
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defend a system of automatic pay raises for the future?

3. How do you explain to the voters of South Jersey your free car, free mobile phone and other perks paid for at taxpayers expense?

4. What is your plan to cope with the problems of health care in this country? I've offered mine, what is your plan?

5. What is your plan to get this country's economy moving again? I've offered mine, what is your plan?

"I challenge Bill Hughes to stop the grandstanding and hiding behind these contrived personal attacks. The voters of South Jersey deserve better.

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LoBIONDO *for* CONGRESS

... for us ... for a change

7 October 1992

Mr. Richard M. Zanfardino
Office of General Counsel
Federal Election Commission
999 E Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20483

Re: MUR 3623

Dear Mr. Zanfardino:

I am in receipt of the letter from Mr. Jonathan A. Bernstein of your office on the above numbered complaint.

I strongly recommend to you and the Commission that you reject this complaint. Not one piece of evidence has been submitted by Mr. Hughes to suggest that an investigation is warranted or that the LoBiondo Committee to Change Congress violated the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended. The LoBiondo campaign is not responsible for these posters.

Mr. LoBiondo had no knowledge of the Hitler piece and no involvement with its production, distribution, etc. and was not made aware of the flier until the Atlantic City Press contacted my campaign office on Sunday, September 20. He did not see a copy of the flier until it was reprinted in the paper a day later. Mr. Hughes never confronted me with the flier.

Enclosed please find a copy of a statement issued by the LoBiondo Campaign the day we learned the complaint was being filed.

The National Rifle Association has taken responsibility for printing the poster "Clean Up South Jersey Dump Bill Hughes."

Jews for the Preservation of Firearms Ownership is the owner of the poster on which a photo of Hitler appears.

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Furthermore, the Atlantic City Press reports on September 24, 1992 that "Further confusing the issue is the existence of a Hughes-supplied photograph of an unidentified little boy standing in front of the coalition table holding the Hitler flier without the Hughes reference." Thus, it is proof that the Hitler flier was altered but not by the campaign.

The Hunters Beware poster has not been identified.

Mr. Hughes has not provided one piece of evidence. What is said in a sworn statement was "LoBiondo was standing next to the booth where the literature was displayed and was in the company of an individual with one of the posters plastered to his chest." This statement is presumptuous at best. He further states in "Roll Call" that he filed the complaint because "I just find LoBiondo's denial impossible to believe."

In fact, the only individual that can be proven to be distributing this material is Mr. Hughes. He has been distributing the material to both the media and to political action committees. See attached photo copy of flier sent from the House Judiciary Committee to the U.S. Chamber of Commerce.

You will note in the attached media reports and statements by Mr. Hughes that his recollection of the events changes.

In fact, the Salem Sunbeam reports that "Hughes said Friday (Sept 25) that while he questioned LoBiondo directly about the bumper sticker, he was holding the other material in his hands and that it was visible to LoBiondo."

In Mr. Hughes press release of September 23, 1992, he states "...it is obvious that Members of the NRA are behind the LoBiondo posters. He noted that similar materials likening Hitler to other candidates who were opposed by the gun lobby have appeared in recent elections."

As you can see from a sample of the media reports on this incident Mr. Hughes is crying wolf.

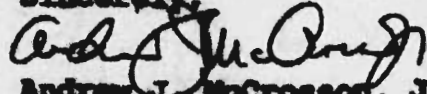
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Again, after your review of this information I believe you will find that Mr. Hughes charges are totally and completely unfounded.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,


Andrew J. McCrossen, Jr.
Treasurer

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OF GUN CONTROL
RAISE YOUR**

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**RIGHT HAND
WILL REQUEST**



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REGION

Jewish group: Anti-Hughes flier used without permission

■ Jews for the Preservation of Firearms Ownership wants to know who altered its Hitler flier to fight Bill Hughes.

By KATHLEEN CANNON
Staff Writer

A group called Jews for the Preservation of Firearms Ownership is investigating how its Hitler flier was altered to urge southern New Jersey voters to "Dump Bill Hughes."

A Springfield Township, Union County, man who is a member of the board of directors of JPFO said he wants to know who infringed upon the group's copyright.

Alan M. Rice said Friday he still does not know who added the reference to the Democratic congressman from Ocean City to

the flier.

The organization's literature depicts the Nazi Germany dictator, his right arm in salute, standing in front of a bull's-eye target. Under the sketch is the saying, "All in Favor of Gun Control Raise Your Right Hand."

Someone added "Dump Bill Hughes" to the bottom of the flier, covering JPFO's logo, address and copyright mark.

Hughes, D-2nd, former chairman of the House Subcommittee on Crime, is a prominent gun control supporter.

"That ad was done sometime last year, and it has nothing to do with Bill Hughes or anyone else

in New Jersey for that matter," Rice said.

Hughes has alleged his opponent, state Assemblyman Frank LoBiondo, D-Cape May, Cumberland, Atlantic, is behind the distribution of the flier, which does not identify who paid for it. He filed a complaint with the Federal Election Commission on Wednesday, three days after confronting LoBiondo at the South Jersey Sportsmen's Jamboree in Millville.

It was there that Hughes said he spotted LoBiondo supporters handing out the flier and two other pieces of campaign literature. LoBiondo has disavowed knowledge of the piece.

Rice said "thousands" of people belong to the JPFO, whose

logo is a Star of David centered between silhouettes of a musket and an assault weapon. The group was formed three years ago and is based in Milwaukee.

"One of the principal reasons we organized was, when you look down the list of organizations and individuals who actively support gun control, there's an awful lot of Jews there," he said.

"After 1,900 years of oppression, we don't think law-abiding citizens should be disarmed," said Rice.

The organization chose to highlight Hitler in the artwork "to demonstrate the point that Hitler and his Nazi regime had pervasive gun control," he said.

Rice, whose group does not believe in any form of gun con-

trol, said citizens should have the right to defend themselves against the "violent, crazed criminals who are doing the killing."

To educate the public, JPFO has produced a book that compares Nazi Germany's gun control laws to present day laws in this country. The book also excerpts state laws from Massachusetts, Illinois and New Jersey, three states with tough gun control statutes.

To Rice's knowledge, this is the first time the flier has been used during a political campaign. He declined to comment on the

status of JPFO's search for the person who altered the flier.

"We have some people looking into it for me. I really can't comment on it now," he said.

And while the JPFO does not endorse candidates, Rice said he personally supports LoBiondo, in part because of the state assemblyman's efforts to repeal the ban on semi-automatics.

"I'd like to see Frank LoBiondo elected," he said. "If people think this (flier) will help him, I don't necessarily have a problem with that. I don't know if it will or will not help him."

Gun group condemns poster's use in campaign

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The poster. Both organizations deny the charge.

Zeiman said his organization was formed three years ago to campaign for pro-gun candidates. But last fall, the JPFO changed its talk, concentrating instead on providing educational material supporting gun ownership.

"This organization was founded because gun control is not in the best interests of the Jewish people," said Zeiman. "The gun control laws of 1968 are based on Hitler's gun control laws of 1938."

"Jews who favor gun control are doing themselves a disservice," said Zeiman.

"By supporting gun control, most Jews are fostering anti-Semitism," he said. "Besides, the best way for law-abiding citizens to protect themselves is by being armed."

By discriminating the Jews, Hitler was able to wipe them out, said Zeiman. "In the last 1,500 years,

whenever Jews were discriminated, they suffered," he said. "For Jews, gun control is political suicide."

Zeiman and Alan Rice, JPFO's New Jersey coordinator, say they are angered that their poster has been drawn into the Hughes-LoBiondo battle.

"The target was altered without our permission," Rice said. "Though the laws supported by Mr. Hughes are similar to the Nazi laws of 1938, our organization is not on record calling him a Nazi or a Hitler."

Mark Brown, a spokesman for Hughes, said that any comparison between Hughes and Hitler is faulty.

"Mr. Hughes only supports control on the most dangerous types of weapons and ammunition," said Brown. "He has never wavered in his support for people to own guns. There is a lot of middle ground out there, and it is not right to say that everyone who believes in gun control can be compared to Hitler."

Rice said the posters were

altered by somebody who slapped a "Dump Bill Hughes" bumper sticker, printed by the NRA, on the gun target. Rice said he did not know who made the changes.

Though a pro-gun organization, JPFO is not aligned with the NRA, Zeiman said.

"We don't want to carry their baggage," he said. Zeiman added that the JPFO is also not aligned with the Jewish Defense League, another organization that believes Jews must defend themselves with force if necessary.

"The distinction is that they are a street organization and we are an educational organization," he said. "They are the ones who create militias to protect the synagogues if they are being vandalized, and good for them for doing that. But we don't get involved in street activities."

The Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith (ADL) and other Jewish groups have opposed the JPFO. Last year, the ADL and six other Jewish organizations held a news conference to denounce a JPFO ad campaign that compared gun-control advocates Sarah Brady to Hitler.

JPFO's anti-Brady ads were a nervous smear campaign that injects religious bigotry into public debate," according to the American Jewish Congress.

Lennie Bent, associate director of the ADL in Philadelphia, said,

"The JPFO is an organization whose purposes we are not sympathetic with. The propaganda materials are akin to what anti-Semites have said about Jews and gun control."

Despite opposition from mainstream Jewish groups, Rice said there are many JPFO members in the state, and about 2,000 nationwide.

"There are many people who believe that, if the economy takes another turn for the worse, Jews and other minorities will suffer," he said. "That is one reason why, while people are no longer buying refrigerators and washing machines, the sale of guns has jumped."

Federal and state statistics, however, do not support Zeiman's argument.

According to the New Jersey State Police, the number of permits for handguns issued by the state has been steadily dropping since 1988. There were 30,368 gun permits issued that year, 29,867 in 1989 and 27,766 in 1991. State Police have no figures for this year.

National figures show the same trend. According to both the FBI and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, gun ownership is dropping.

Citing a Roper Center for Public Opinion research study published in the *Source Book of Criminal Statistics*, an annual survey of 1,984 men and women also shows reduced gun ownership.

According to the study, 48 percent of respondents said they owned a gun in 1989, 43 percent in 1990 and by 1991, only 40 percent

said they owned a gun.

Still, the JPFO believes that when it comes to guns, the more the merrier.

"Washington D.C. has a complete ban on guns," said Rice. "And they have the highest murder rate in the nation. Jews must understand that gun control is unacceptable."

SEP 29 '92 09:57AM FRANK LOBIONDO

John Sullivan
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Clearing the record

An article in Thursday's *San Jose Mercury News* about campaign literature in the 1992 World Congress race did not make a distinction between different versions of the literature that contained a photograph of Adlai Stevenson with statements against U.S. Rep. William J. Hughes, D-New York. In the article, Hughes' Republican opponent, Frank A. Lobiondo, claims that he was unaware of the literature until Hughes contacted him with it last weekend.

Steve Wilson, public relations director for Hughes, said Friday that Lobiondo said Hughes contacted him only with a bumper sticker that called for Hughes' removal, not the campaign literature with the letter photographs. Wilson said that Lobiondo did not know about the campaign literature until he saw a newspaper photograph of it the next day.

Hughes said Friday that while he questioned Lobiondo directly about the bumper sticker, he was talking to the other members of his team and that it was not his intention.

Hughes has filed a complaint with the Federal Election Commission because the literature included a statement claiming that Lobiondo had denied any involvement with the preparation of the literature.

Hitler poster stirs controversy

Poster links congressman who favors gun control to dictator

By HOWARD ALTMAN
Courier-Post Staff

One of history's most evil men has become the focus of a bizarre sideshow in an already heated election battle in the 2nd Congressional District.

Adolf Hitler, his right arm outstretched in the infamous Sieg Heil salute, adorns posters with the caption "Everyone in favor of gun control raise your right hand. Dump Bill Hughes."

The poster has created a firestorm in an increasingly nasty battle between 10-year incumbent William Hughes, a Democrat and his Republican opponent, Assemblyman Frank LoBiondo.

Hughes calls the posters a "sneaky" act by a "cowardly" LoBiondo. He also accused the National Rifle Association (NRA) of involvement in the Hitler poster and with providing other campaign literature for the LoBiondo campaign.

"It is all hush-hush," said Hughes. "The NRA sent out campaign literature and two days ago, another piece of literature surfaced with my face superimposed on Hitler's body."

LoBiondo, who denies having anything to do with the Hitler poster, calls Hughes' complaints "desperate." The NRA also denies any connection to the Hitler posters.

"I am so outraged that Bill Hughes is determined to take this campaign into the gutter," said LoBiondo, who condemned the poster. "He claims I am behind this. I categorically deny any knowledge of who produced this material. It is terrible."

"We had nothing to do with the Hitler posters," said NRA lobbyist John Phillips.

Last Wednesday, Hughes filed a complaint with the Federal Election Commission, claiming that



WILLIAM HUGHES
"It is all hush-hush."

LoBiondo violated federal election law by failing to provide information on the Hitler poster about who paid for it and where it came from.

According to FEC press officer Fred Eiland, all campaign literature is required to bear that information. Violators, he said, face a fine of at least \$5,000.

The result of Hughes' complaint won't likely become a campaign issue. According to Eiland, it takes an average of eight months for a decision, which is generally reached as the result of negotiation between the FEC and the offending party.

Regardless of the FEC's ultimate decision, the poster has helped make gun control the most visible issue in the district.

Gun control advocate

Hughes — who said he owns a number of weapons, including shotguns and pistols, has written several gun control laws. They include a measure to prohibit the sale and use of Teflon-coated pu-



FRANK LOBIONDO
"I am so outraged"

jectiles that can pierce bullet-proof vests worn by police.

LoBiondo, on the other hand, has been a staunch supporter of the effort by state Republicans to repeal the ban on assault weapons.

Add to the mix the NRA, which has jumped into the fray, and it is clear that the 2nd Congressional District has become a major battle zone in the war over gun control.

NRA officials say that, with a chance to get another supporter into Congress, they are morally aligned with LoBiondo.

Though LoBiondo has promised not to accept any financial contribution from the pro-gun lobby, the NRA has been circulating bumper stickers that read "Clean Up South Jersey — Dump Bill Hughes."

The bumper stickers, like the Hitler posters, did not have any sponsorship names on them — a fact that Hughes noted in his FEC complaint.

Phillips called the omission an "oversight."

NRA denies involvement

"How that happened we do not know," said Phillips, adding that the bumper sticker was sent out by the NRA to a South Jersey activist he would not name. "We have no desire for anonymity. It is no secret that Mr. Hughes votes against law-abiding firearms owners."

Phillips said the NRA will continue its independent moral support of LoBiondo.

"We have no plans to contribute money to the campaign," Phillips said. "Mr. LoBiondo does not want or need our money. But we are giving assistance, in so far as we would like to defeat Mr. Hughes."

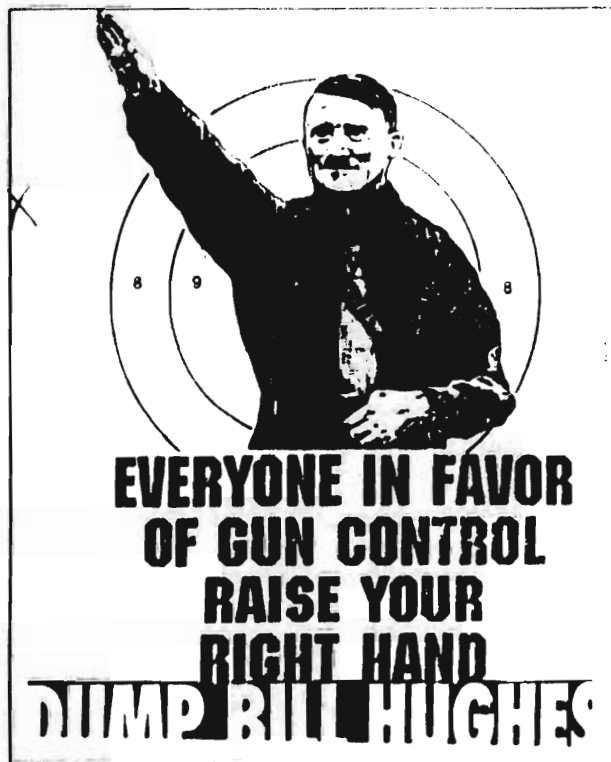
That assistance, said Phillips, includes an anti-Hughes mailing to NRA members in the district. The NRA is not providing any LoBiondo campaign literature, Phillips stressed.

Hughes said he first learned of the bumper stickers, and the Hitler poster, at a Millville Sportsmen's Jamboree on Sept. 18 attended by thousands of outdoor enthusiasts from all over the Delaware Valley.

Hughes said he heard rumors of the campaign paraphernalia and then found proof; LoBiondo in a booth with both the poster and the bumper sticker.

"Let's face it, LoBiondo was sneaky," said Hughes. "He and his cronies in the gun lobby thought they could get away with handling out this junk, but they got caught red handed. The reason they didn't have their name on this material was that they didn't want to accept the responsibility for it. That's a cowardly act."

But LoBiondo denied any association between his campaign and either the bumper sticker or the Hitler poster. He added that Hughes only confronted him with



Hughes targeted: William Hughes' Republican challenger Frank LoBiondo, as well as the National Rifle Association have denied any knowledge of the Hitler poster.

the bumper sticker — and did not learn until later that it was paid for by the NRA.

"This is such a bogus complaint," said LoBiondo. "It is a desperate act by a desperate man who doesn't want to talk about the issues. He knows I have nothing to do with the poster. It serves no purpose. It doesn't help me."

LoBiondo said he would rather focus on issues such as economic recovery and jobs.

"It is a diversion"

"But all Hughes talks about is gun control," said LoBiondo. "He has gotten some attention, but it is a diversion."

Instead, LoBiondo said he prefers to talk about his plans to

revive the nation's stalled economy, including initiating some of President Bush's tax measures that he said would "create new jobs."

Specifically, LoBiondo is calling for, among other things, a \$5,000 tax credit and a tax free IRA withdrawal for first-time homebuyers.

"That would put back to work 415,000 unemployed construction workers according to the National Association of Home Builders," LoBiondo says in his campaign literature.

Hughes, for his part, said his efforts to bring industrial parks and the Federal Aviation Administration Technical Center in Pomona to the district have created local jobs.

per of car dealers in each

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sites cited. Mercer County showed the highest incidence rate of violators with 13 out of 24 shops being fined for violations.

The task force also hit 305 car dealers and found that 88, or nearly 29 percent, failed to place Used Car Buyers Guide information stickers on more than a quarter of used cars for sale.

The guide, a federal regulation, requires that a sticker be placed on the car window listing the vehicle's make, model, year and identification number, the dealer's name and address, a contact person to handle complaints and war-

LoBiondo: I had nothing to do with 'Hitler' flier

By GENE VERNACCHIO
Staff Writer

VINELAND — Assemblyman Frank LoBiondo Wednesday denounced his incumbent opponent and denied involvement in distributing controversial campaign material.

"I am totally outraged," LoBiondo said of the posters that likened U.S. Rep. William Hughes to Adolf Hitler.

He said Hughes, D-2nd District, "is determined to drag this campaign in the gutter."

"I categorically deny any knowledge of, or involvement in producing or distributing this material," LoBiondo said. "Bill Hughes has not offered a shred of evidence to support his charges other than his statements and innuendoes."

LoBiondo, R-Cumberland, Atlantic and Cape May, suggested Hughes is using this as an opportunity to grandstand.

"It's no coincidence that for years Bill Hughes never shows up at this event and at the exact time I'm there he shows

up. It's so obvious that this is a contrived event," LoBiondo said.

"He (Hughes) didn't call me because he recognized the opportunity to make headlines with this disgusting material," LoBiondo said.

He called the Federal Election Commission's (FEC) examination "phony" because it likely will not be initiated until after the election.

By law, LoBiondo will have 15 days to respond to Hughes' complaint.

"His misuse of the FEC is another example of how long-term, entrenched incumbents manipulate the system to their own advantage," he said.

LoBiondo said he does not know who is printing the offensive posters but has asked that they stop being circulated.

"They have no place in this campaign," he said. "I denounce them completely."

"I've told people publicly that this should stop," he said. "But I can't control the people who don't like Bill Hughes."

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dent of schools.

re it is imperative remember that our purpose is the education of youngsters." Romano said. "We can very easily lose sight of that purpose when we are limited to our own political ob-

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our endeavors and hopefully enhance the other," he said. "That my own personal authority of as well as the experience of 30 years of service in the community can provide a contribution toward settlement."

said he is familiar with the national funding, and budgets for 12

years as a member of the Board of School Estimates.

"I am prepared to assist in the negotiations effort as soon as I am called upon, and I hope that all parties will recognize the potential value of my participation as a voice of understanding, of reason, and of conciliation," he said. "The people of Vineland should not be expected to sit idly by as representatives of organizations charged with the critically important task of overseeing and conducting the education of our future generation remain at an impasse."

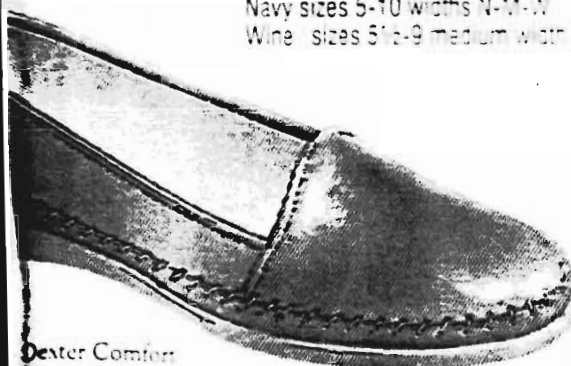
VEA President David Crowell said he had no comment about Romano's offer, because he has not seen the letter.

Board President Nicholas Girone said Romano's invitation will be considered if the state fact finder achieves no results.

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Gun group decries use of poster

■ Objection: *The Jewish group, which equates gun control with Nazism, says its copyright has been violated.*

By HOWARD ALTMAN
Courier-Post Staff

MILLVILLE — The group that printed the controversial Adolf Hitler gun target that caused a furor in the 2nd Congressional District says it has nothing to do with making the poster a political football.

"We are not interested in politics," said Aaron Zelman, executive director of the Milwaukee-based Jewish gun advocacy group called Jews for Preservation of Firearms Ownership (JPFO). "We are concerned that Jews and all law-abiding citizens will suffer from gun control. Hitler took away the guns and look what happened."

The JPFO, a non-profit, non-partisan "educational" organization that equates gun control with Nazism, admits printing the target. But Zelman said someone in the district violated his copyright by turning the target into a political poster denigrating incumbent Democratic Congressman William Hughes.

The poster shows Hitler making the "Sieg Heil" salute with his right arm. Underneath the picture are the words "Everybody in favor of gun control raise your right arm. Dump Bill Hughes."

Hughes has blamed Republican challenger Frank LoBiondo and the National Rifle Association (NRA) for distributing

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FEDERAL ELECTRIC COMPANY

Re: MUR 3623

Dear Mr. Sanfardino:

Please find enclosed a signed affidavit of Mr. Frank A. LoBiondo. The general counsel of the NRCC suggested we forward this to you in reference to the above mentioned case.

Sincerely,

Mary Ann Harper
Mary Ann Harper
Campaign Manager

Enclosure

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**IN THE MATTER OF THE
FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION**

Affidavit of Frank A. LoBiondo

Frank A. LoBiondo, being duly sworn upon his oath, deposes and says:

1. I am a resident of the City of Vineland, County of Cumberland, State of New Jersey.

2. I am the Republican candidate for the United States House of Representatives for the Second Congressional District in New Jersey.

3. On or about September 20, 1992, I attended an event at the Menantico Gun Club known as the Sportsmen's Jamboree, which event was open to the public.

4. To the best of my knowledge, the Sportsmen's Jamboree was sponsored by various South Jersey sportsmen's associations.

5. Upon arrival, I engaged in ordinary campaign activities greeting people.

6. At or about 11:00 a.m., I was approached by William J. Hughes, the Democrat candidate for the United States House of Representatives for the Second District in New Jersey.

7. Mr. Hughes displayed to me a bumper sticker that stated "CLEAN UP SOUTH JERSEY DUMP BILL HUGHES".

8. Mr. Hughes questioned me as to my knowledge regarding this bumper sticker. I informed him that I had no knowledge whatsoever regarding the bumper sticker. At this time, Mr. Hughes did not call my attention to any documents other than the bumper sticker.

9. The "Bumper sticker" in question was evidently picked up by Mr. Hughes from a table which had been set up by a sportsmen's club. The table had not been set up by me or by my campaign staff. I was not aware of the literature being provided at the table. I was not manning the table nor was I standing in front of it. I was not aware of the materials being distributed at the table.

10. Mr. Hughes has filed a Federal Election Commission complaint based on three posters which he alleges I distributed

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through my supporters and volunteers throughout parts of the Second Congressional District of New Jersey as well as billboards displaying these posters in the City of Millville.

11. I have examined the materials in question which were exhibits to Mr. Hughes' complaint with the Commission. I can categorically and with specificity state that I had no knowledge of the production, content or distribution of these materials. I did not authorize, order, encourage and/or condone the production, content, distribution and/or posting of these materials. Further, I have no knowledge as to whom is responsible for the production, content, distribution and/or posting of these materials.

Frank A. Lobiondo
FRANK A. LOBIONDO

Sworn and subscribed
before me this 14th
day of October,
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Att: Richard M. Zanfardino

Re: Zeus Gun Shop
MUR 3623

Dear Mr. Zanfardino:

Further to our telephone conversation this date, enclosed please find Statement of Designation of Counsel in the above captioned matter. I understand that following your receipt of this Statement that you and I can further discuss the matter on the merits, after which time I will provide a written statement on behalf of my client explaining his involvement with the materials which were disseminated concerning Congressman Hughes.

Sincerely,

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John J. Finnegan, III
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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.

10/13/92
Date

[Signature]
Signature

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October 6, 1992

Lawrence Noble, Esq.
Federal Elections Commission
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MUR 3623

Dear Mr. Noble:

I am writing in further reference to my letter of September 23, 1992, in which I filed a formal complaint against the campaign of my opponent, Frank LoBiondo, for distributing illegal campaign materials.

I would appreciate your adding this letter and the attachments which are enclosed to the file in this case. In addition, I will be submitting under separate cover sworn affidavits from other witnesses who were present when the illegal posters were being distributed.

There are four reasons for this letter. First, I am enclosing photographs of the LoBiondo campaign materials in question which were the focus of my original complaint. I believe it is important for the Federal Elections Commission to examine these photographs as part of its review of this matter.

The attached photographs were taken the afternoon of Sunday, September 19, 1992, at a campaign booth at the Sportsmen's Jamboree in Millville, N.J., approximately two hours after I had confronted Mr. LoBiondo at the booth and asked where these materials came from. The photographs show very clearly that the posters in question were prominently displayed on a billboard, and were being distributed by his supporters along with other brochures from the LoBiondo campaign to the thousands of people who attended the jamboree.

Just as importantly, the photographs show that Mr. LoBiondo did nothing to remove these materials or to stop their distribution, even two hours after I had brought them to his attention.

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The photographs also demonstrate that neither Mr. LoBiondo nor I were present at the time they were taken. This contradicts Mr. LoBiondo's statements to the news media, which suggest that I showed up with a photographer and staged a publicity event. The photos also clearly refute the suggestion that anybody could be campaigning at that booth and not be aware of the questionable campaign literature.

Second, I am enclosing an article from the Atlantic City Press, dated September 24, 1992, in which a spokesman for the National Rifle Association admits on the record that the NRA produced one of the unauthorized posters in question. Also enclosed is a dispatch from the A.P. of the same date, in which an NRA spokesman makes the same acknowledgment.

Third, since the filing of my original complaint, I have become aware of yet another illegal poster which has surfaced in this campaign. A copy of that poster is enclosed as well. As you will see, the poster is similar to the Hitler poster which was the initial focus of my complaint. However, in this poster my picture has been superimposed over Hitler's face, thus portraying me as a Nazi and advocating my defeat in this campaign.

Like the other three posters which I cited in my initial complaint, this fourth poster does not identify who authorized or paid for it. It seems to me that this is a clear violation of 2 U.S. Code, Section 441 d, which prohibits the distribution of illegal campaign materials.

Finally, I am enclosing articles from a number of different newspapers in which my opponent is quoted giving different, and often conflicting, accounts of the events which took place at the sportsmen's jamboree where the illegal posters were being distributed. I believe these articles are relevant to the FEC's examination of this matter.

In the first story which carried in the Atlantic City Press on September 21, 1992, Mr. LoBiondo acknowledged that I confronted him at the sportsmen's jamboree with copies of an unauthorized poster and asked him where it came from. In the article, Mr. LoBiondo stated that he saw two of the three posters at the table where his campaign literature was being distributed, but he denied having seen the Hitler poster.

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I would maintain, based on the photographic evidence and statements of the witnesses who were present, that it was just not possible for him to have seen only two of the three posters, since all three were displayed with equal prominence.

In the September 24 article in the Sentinel-Ledger, Mr. LoBiondo charged that I "confronted him with a photographer" at the jamboree. In the September 23 article in the Bridgeton Evening News, he stated that "as soon as I got near the booth, Hughes was there with people with a camera." Neither of these statements are true, since the photographer did not arrive until some two hours after I had left the jamboree.

Mr. LoBiondo is also quoted throughout the articles vigorously denouncing the unauthorized campaign materials, and stating that he would have ordered them removed immediately if he had known about them. Yet, as the photographs show, he did nothing to remove them from his billboard or to instruct his supporters to stop handing them out after I had brought them to his attention.

Indeed, in the Associated Press story of September 23, Mr. LoBiondo asserted through a spokesman that I "might have put" the literature out myself. That is nothing more than an attempt on his part to shift the responsibility for these illegal campaign materials to me.

Accordingly, I am requesting that the FEC make this additional information, including the fourth poster and the photographs, a part of its official investigation into this matter. I would make the same request of the sworn affidavits which I will be sending under separate cover. Clearly, this documentation shows that Mr. LoBiondo and his campaign must bear the responsibility for the distribution of these materials.

Sincerely,


WILLIAM J. HUGHES
Member of Congress

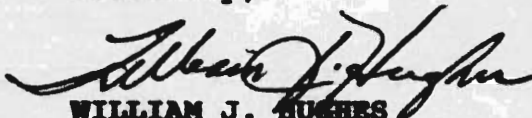
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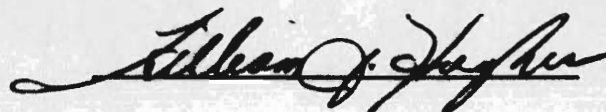
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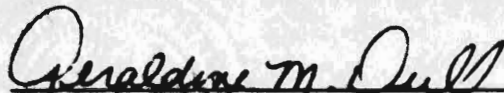
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State of New Jersey
County of Cape May

I, William J. Hughes, of full age, do solemnly swear that the information contained herein is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.



Signed and sworn to before
me this 27th day of October, 1992.


Notary Public

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Geraldine M. Dull
Notary Public of New Jersey
My Commission Expires Dec. 28, 1996

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STATE OF NEW JERSEY)
)SS:
COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND)

John Nardelli, on his oath, says that:

1. Around 11:45 a.m. on Sunday, September 20, 1992, I met Douglas Fisher, Congressman Hughes and his son Billy at Meadowood Rod and Gun Club.

2. Shortly after we met, a man with an anti-Hughes bumper sticker on him approached us and told us we were unwelcome at the Sportsman's Jamboree.

3. After this incident, around noon, we walked to the club across the street and, starting on the southeast part of the horseshoe, looked and talked and walked until we got to a booth on the northeast side of the club, about a half hour later.

4. I saw Frank LoBiondo at the booth and went over to him to say hello and shake his hand; at the booth I saw a pile of bumper stickers (a copy of which is attached as Exhibit A) and a pile of handouts (a copy of which is attached as Exhibit B).

5. Evidently the Congressman saw the bumper stickers and handouts at about the same time I did and he confronted the Assemblyman with them and asked him why he was handing out campaign literature without the required information on

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who originated and paid for it.

6. The Assemblyman denied knowing anything about the campaign literature.

7. We left the area, after which Doug Fisher showed me a piece of Hitler campaign literature which he had picked up there.


8. Shortly thereafter I left the Sportsman's Jamboree.

9. I saw no photographer there at any time that I was there, nor was I told that any photographer was expected to be there.

10. My reason for being at the Sportsman's Jamboree was two-fold -- I am interested in and enjoy watching the various displays and I have an opportunity to meet constituents and potential voters; I try to attend the Sportsman's Jamboree every year; I did not anticipate seeing Assemblyman LoBiondo there nor did I expect to see any campaign literature of the type discussed in this affidavit.


JOHN NARDELLI

Sworn and subscribed to
before me this 5th day
of October, 1992


LOIS A. HUGHES

NOTARY PUBLIC OF NEW JERSEY
My Commission Expires Feb. 9, 1993

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STATE OF NEW JERSEY)
)SS:
 COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND)

Douglas Fisher, on his oath, says that:

1. At approximately 10:45 a.m. on Sunday, September 20, 1992, I received a call from Congressman Hughes asking me to join him at the Sportsman's Jamboree.

2. I arrived there at about 11:35, and saw "Hunters Beware" literature being placed on the windshields of cars there (a copy of the literature is attached).

3. At approximately 11:40 I met with Congressman Hughes and County Clerk Nardelli at the first gunning club on the right (Meadowood), where an incident took place involving someone with a bumper sticker on.

4. At approximately 12:00 we went to the club on the west side of the road and we were there about a half hour when we came to a booth where Assemblyman LoBiondo was.

5. Congressman Hughes picked up a sticker at that booth that said "Dump Bill Hughes" and confronted the Assemblyman with the fact that it did not say who ordered or paid for it; the Assemblyman denied knowing anything about the literature.

6. I picked up a piece of Hitler literature from the table where the Assemblyman was and showed it to the Congressman (a copy is attached) as he was leaving the

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7. The Congressman left after the incident and the County Clerk and I walked around to the other side of the road, ate a hot dog, and then left. I was home by 1:40.

8. I was not aware ahead of time that the Assemblyman would be there or what was being distributed. At no time did I see or have knowledge of a photographer there while the Assemblyman, County Clerk or I were on the grounds.


DOUGLAS FISHER

Sworn and subscribed to
before me this 5th day
of October, 1992



KATHLEEN L. CARL
NOTARY PUBLIC OF NEW JERSEY
My Commission Expires Apr. 24, 1997

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STATE OF NEW JERSEY)
)SS:
COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND)

Steven Clarke, on his oath, says that:

1. On Sunday, September 20, 1992, around 1:00 p.m., I received a call at home from Sharon Schulman, requesting me to go to the Menantico Gun Club to photograph any political literature which I saw there, particularly at a booth on the northeast side of the club.

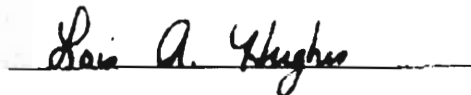
2. I drove off to the club and arrived there 15 or so minutes later.

3. I took pictures of the political literature that I saw, including a picture of a child holding such literature.

4. Prior to the call from Sharon Schulman, discussed above, no one ever mentioned to me going to the Sportsman's Jamboree and no one ever mentioned to me the possibility of taking pictures there, for any purpose.


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Hughes files federal complaint protesting campaign literature

WASHINGTON — U.S. Rep. Sam Hughes, D-Md., yesterday filed a formal complaint with the Federal Elections Commission, charging that Republican opponent Frank Lombardo, and his supporters distributed three unauthorized campaign posters, including one which likens Hughes to Adolf Hitler.

Hughes said the posters — which were displayed and handed out at the Sportsman's jamboree in Millville over the weekend — violated federal election law because they did not identify who authorized and paid for them.

In an interview yesterday, Lombardo denied any involvement in the campaign literature, and angrily attacked Hughes for insinuating what he described as "a desperate personal attack."

"I'm absolutely outraged that Sam Hughes is determined to take this campaign into the gutter," Lombardo, a state assemblyman, said.

Hughes also cited in his complaint a billboard which the Lombardo campaign displayed at the jamboree, on which the unauthorized posters were displayed along with other campaign literature from the Lombardo campaign.

The most objectionable poster, according to Hughes, shows an image of Hitler giving the Nazi salute in front of a bull-eye target, with the message: "Everyone in Favor of Cain Control/Bates Your Right Hand/Dump Bill Hughes." He said the second poster insinuates his position on hunting issues. "The poster comparing me to Hitler is, without

question, the most disgusting campaign literature I have seen in recent years," said Hughes.

The incumbent Democrat said he believes that this is the only way to stop the outrageous activities which the National Rifle Association and its members have engaged in to try to influence candidates and influence the outcome of elections in New Jersey in recent years.

"I'm troubled about taking this action," Hughes said in a press release. "I'm not something that I want to do. I just don't see any other way to stop the nonsense. Frank Lombardo is trying to portray himself as a congressional reformer, yet he and the radical fringe he has surrounded himself with are engaging in the worst kind of gutter politics one could imagine."

In his complaint to the FEC, Hughes said Lombardo had full knowledge of the posters, that he encouraged and/or condoned them and their content, and that he coordinated their distribution along with other literature from his campaign.

In a sworn deposition, Hughes said he first became aware of the campaign literature when he learned that they were being distributed at the Zans Gun Shop in Cardiff. Subsequently, he learned that the posters and flyers had been posted on dozens of automobiles parked outside a local high school football game.

On Sunday, Hughes said, he personally confronted Lombardo at the campaign table which the New Jersey Coalition of Sportsmen had set up at the jamboree in Millville. His opponent denied knowledge of the material, Hughes said.

Lombardo gives a different account of Sunday's occurrences. He said that he was at the event for about a half-hour, spending almost all that time answering questions from residents, when Hughes confronted him with a photographer. Lombardo said he had not seen the anti-Hughes material at the sportsman's table before then.

The Republican also charged that the confrontation was a staged publicity event by Hughes. If Hughes had known about the material a week or so earlier, Lombardo said Hughes should have contacted him, and he would have been more than willing to denounce it.

Lombardo said the campaign should be focusing on Hughes' record in Congress, his own record in hunting and issues such as revitalizing the economy, creating jobs and reforming health care.

"I'm absolutely livid over this," Lombardo said. "This grandstanding has got to stop."

Hughes maintained that if the FEC finds that the Lombardo campaign violated the law, they can be subjected to civil penalties. Under FEC procedures, he said, Lombardo will have 15 days to respond to the complaint after he is formally notified by the FEC.

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Rep. Hughes Files FEC Complaint about Unsigned Hitler Flier

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By JANE E. ALLEN-

Associated Press Writer-

WASHINGTON (AP) Rep. William Hughes, D-N.J., filed a complaint with the Federal Election Commission Wednesday charging his GOP opponent condoned and coordinated distribution of an anti-Hughes flier depicting Adolf Hitler.

His 2nd District challenger, Republican Assemblyman Frank LoBiondo of Vineland, disavowed the material.

"I've decried that and said there's no place for that in any campaign. It did not come from this campaign," LoBiondo said in an interview.

"He (Hughes) has issued an unsubstantiated attack on my integrity," LoBiondo said. "He hasn't offered a shred of evidence."

The flier shows Hitler, his arm raised in a Nazi salute, superimposed on a shooting target. Below it is the message:

"Everyone in Favor of Gun Control Raise Your Right Hand. Dump Bill Hughes."

The only identifying words on it tell readers to "order targets from JPFO."

Aaron Zelman, executive director of Jews for the Preservation of Firearms Ownership in Milwaukee, said the posters lift material from advertisements he has run in gun magazines. However, he said JPFO is not involved in any political campaigns, including the Hughes-LoBiondo race.

"Whoever it is has taken our copyright material, copyright in 1991, and this freelancer has doctored it up for their own purposes," said Zelman, who learned about the anti-Hughes posters from a New Jersey contact.

He said the concept behind the poster is that gun control was born in Nazi Berlin in 1938.

Hughes, former chairman of the House Subcommittee on Crime, is a prominent gun-control supporter. Although he owns and uses handguns, shotguns and other hunting weapons, the nine-term incumbent has worked to ban armor-piercing bullets, military-style assault weapons and weapons that can't be detected in airports.

"This is an effort to punish me for taking those positions," he said. "It's underhanded. It's dirty."

The material, as well as an anti-Hughes bumper sticker and handout, contain no disclaimer identifying the sponsor.

Under federal election law, "anything of a critical nature advocating the election or defeat of a clearly identified candidate would have to have a disclaimer saying who paid for it," said Fred Eiland, spokesman for the Federal Election Commission.

"We have to find out who paid for it," Hughes told reporters Wednesday. "My purpose is to stop this nonsense. People are sick and tired of gutter politics."

LoBiondo said he would stop distribution of the material if he could.

"If I knew who did it, I would absolutely go to the source immediately," he said. He noted he had quashed offensive material attacking an opponent in a previous political campaign.

"When I found out about it, I did denounce it and call for it to stop," LoBiondo said.

"Unless Bill Hughes or somebody else knows who's doing it, we can't figure out who to go to to get them to stop," LoBiondo spokesman Steve Wilson said.

Hughes said he suspects involvement by the National Rifle Association.

"There's no question in our mind we'd like to defeat Bill Hughes," said Joe Phillips, a Washington lobbyist for the gun owners lobby. He claimed responsibility for the "Clean Up South Jersey: Dump Bill Hughes" bumper stickers, but said his organization had nothing to do with the Hitler depiction or the additional handout.

"The bumper sticker is the only thing we've done," Phillips said. "Those bumper stickers were not meant to be given anonymously. That was an oversight."

He said they should have carried the message: "Paid for by the NRA Political Victory Fund."

Hughes said he confronted LoBiondo about the flier and the bumper sticker on Sunday at the South Jersey Sportsmen's Jamboree in Millville, N.J. He told reporters he saw the material on display and being handed out in the area where LoBiondo and his supporters had gathered.

LoBiondo acknowledged the encounter, but said he had no knowledge of where the unidentified material came from. He said he never even saw the Hitler flier.

"We were out in a wooded area. The whole time I was there, people were coming up asking questions. I didn't know it was being handed out," LoBiondo said.

Hughes charged that was impossible and showed photographs of the material mixed in with other LoBiondo campaign literature on a table as well as tacked onto a billboard.

Wilson said LoBiondo had nothing to gain from the literature.

"This is working against us," Wilson said.

He said the publicity was giving Hughes "a chance to wave the flag against us. He doesn't talk about jobs and the economy. He doesn't have to talk about his record."

He theorized that Hughes "might have put it out himself."

"He has brought up the NRA in everything he has done. We have received absolutely no contributions from the National Rifle Association and we're doing it just so Bill Hughes can't use that as an excuse to avoid the issues."

However, he didn't rule out the gun lobby's ability to make independent expenditures on behalf of LoBiondo, who sponsored legislation to repeal New Jersey's ban on assault weapons.

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By MILES JACKSON
Staff Writer

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LoBiondo noted that he blasted a county Republican publication during his last campaign for Assembly, because it called Ray Bates, his Democratic opponent, "Binboy Ray."

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Hughes, however, said LoBiondo was aware of the literature and must take responsibility for the campaigning done on his behalf.

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"I categorically deny that," LoBiondo said. "Why do Hughes insist in creating the phony issues when there are issues on health care, on the balanced budget amendment, on congressional reform to be discussed?"

The complaint will be investigated by the Election Commission, which could subject LoBiondo to fines if the agency finds that he was involved in distributing the literature.

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WILLIAM J. HUGHES
Calls for 'dirty, underhanded'

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Hughes angered by campaign poster
that links his name with Hitler's face

By ELLIOT GOLDBERG
Staff Writer

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U.S. Rep. William J. Hughes, D-2nd Dist., said Wednesday that he has filed an official complaint with the Federal Election Commission over anti-Hughes campaign literature that features Adolf Hitler.

Hughes, of Ocean City, said his complaint names the campaign of his principal fall re-election opponent, Republican state Assemblyman Frank A. LoBiondo.

But the GOP congressional candidate Wednesday disavowed the poster, which was distributed last week, and angrily claimed that Hughes filed the complaint in order to

deflect attention from legitimate campaign issues.

An FEC spokesman in Washington Wednesday afternoon said the agency has received a copy of Hughes' complaint, which apparently centers on the alleged failure of those responsible for the literature to identify themselves as paying for it.

Failure to put the disclaimer on campaign literature would violate the commission's statutes, said Fred Eiland, FEC spokesman. He said he was not permitted to discuss specifics of Hughes' complaint.

The literature was given out Sunday in Millville during a "sportsman's jamboree" that both Hughes and LoBiondo attended.

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Flier likens Hughes to Hitler

■ Assemblyman and GOP congressional candidate Frank LoBiondo denies responsibility for literature attacking the incumbent.

By PAT ARNEY
Staff Writer

The congressional race between Democratic incumbent William J. Hughes and Republican challenger Frank LoBiondo heated up Sunday with the appearance of virulently anti-Hughes campaign material of unidentified origin.

One flier likened Hughes to

Adolf Hitler.

Calling the material "dirty tricks" and "gutty politics," Hughes pointed the finger at LoBiondo, contending his opponent had to know about it because a LoBiondo supporter was distributing it in LoBiondo's company Sunday at the South Jersey Sportsmen's Jamboree in Millville.

"I'm going to look into filing a formal complaint (today)," Hughes said.

The material — a bumper sticker and two fliers — did not bear statements of who issued them, as required by election law.

LoBiondo said Hughes asked him about the bumper sticker — which reads, "Clean Up South Jersey/Dump Bill Hughes" — at the jamboree. He said he told Hughes then that he didn't know where it came from.

LoBiondo said he hadn't seen the Hitler flier but "absolutely

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decries" the use of the former dictator's image under any circumstances.

"Everyone knows full well I have nothing to do with something like that," LoBiondo said.

The flier depicts an image of Hitler in uniform, his hand upraised in a Nazi salute, superimposed over the image of a bull's-eye target. The caption reads: "Everyone In Favor of Gun Control/Raise Your Right

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Mystery flier attacks Hughes.

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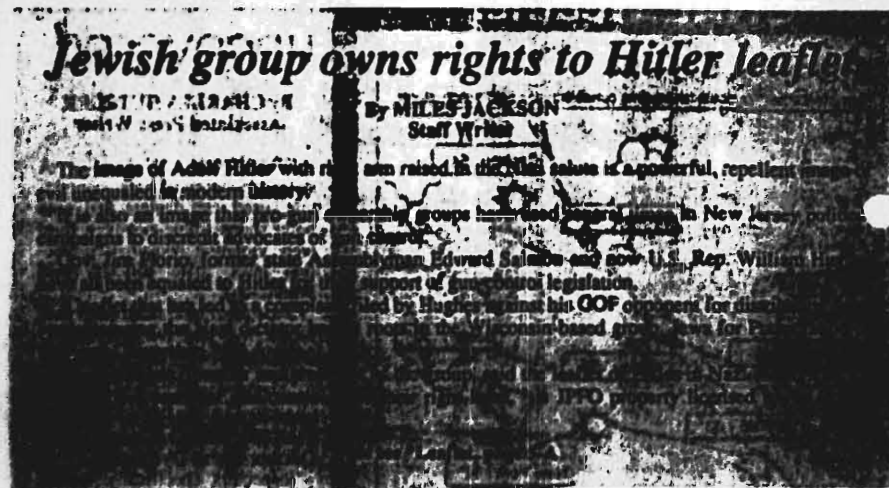
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Attack: Political flier likens Hughes to Adolf Hitler

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Hand/Dump Bill Hughes

Hughes said he had the Hitler flier in his hand with the bumper sticker when he confronted LoBiondo at the New Jersey Coalition of Sportsmen's booth at the jamboree.

"He has to assume responsibility. He was with the group that was putting it out," said Hughes, adding that the booth had a large LoBiondo banner above it.

Jamboree officials, displeased by the politicizing of a traditionally non-partisan event, said they took down all political banners and removed campaign literature from the windshields of cars parked outside the grounds.

Politicians were welcome to "walk through" the event and about 20 did, they said, but not to distribute campaign literature.

Butch Sacco, owner of Butch's Gun World in Vineland and a member of the Sportsmen's Coalition, said he was one of several people manning the coalition's booth Sunday. He said he saw the Hitler flier on the table when he arrived but has "no knowledge where it came from."

LoBiondo acknowledged seeing the third item Hughes faulted — a flier headlined "Hunters Beware!" that asserts Hughes "is threatening to END all hunting on all public lands."

"It was at the coalition table," said LoBiondo. "It was something probably generated by hunters who are not enamored with Bill Hughes and haven't been for years."

LoBiondo said he doesn't know what kind of reception Hughes expected, "but there are people who aren't pleased with his voting record."

He accused Hughes of making a "big deal" of the fliers in order to divert attention from the balanced budget amendment and other campaign issues.

"Nobody's diverting anything," said Hughes. "He (LoBiondo) just happened to get caught (Sunday) red-handed with illegal fliers with trash that is untruthful."

Hughes said the contention in



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the "Hunters Beware" flier that he is opposed to hunting is "nonsense" and is based on distortions of his record by the National Rifle Association.

The flier says Hughes "voted against the Marlenee Amendment which would have allowed YOU to hunt on public lands."

Hughes said the amendment was to add 1.4 acres to the Mojave Desert National Park. No hunting is allowed in the park, he said, but the park "has 18,000 acres of public hunting ground around it."

Hughes said he is not opposed to hunting, owns weapons himself, hunted in Salem and Cape May counties for years, and sup-

ported the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service when it wanted to open Supuana National Wildlife Area in Salem County to hunting three years ago in order to thin out the deer herd.

But he has authored several pieces of legislation which angered the NRA, he said, including legislation:

- banning armor piercing, cop-killer bullets;
- requiring registration of machine guns;
- banning silencers;
- banning military assault weapons he says have no sporting value;
- and banning the manufacture of plastic and ceramic weapons, which are not detectable by airport metal detectors.

All those laws were requested by police, said Hughes, who chaired the Subcommittee on Crime for 10 of his 18 years in Congress.

Hughes said he also angered the NRA when he led a floor fight many years ago that defeated a proposal to allow handgun dealers to set aside 300 of their guns for their personal collection without keeping records on those weapons.

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Hughes, who has been a campaign target of the National Rifle Association and similar groups because of his support of federal gun-control legislation, circulated copies of the poster Wednesday. They show Hitler inside a target, giving a traditional Nazi salute, with the caption "Everyone is Fervor of Gun Control Hate Your Right Hand." At the bottom, the poster says, "Dump Bill Hughes."

Hughes said late Wednesday that he will forward to the FEC a second version that was delivered to his Pennsville district office earlier in the day. He said it was similar, but showed his own face superimposed over Hitler's.

Hughes called the Hitler piece the worst example of a "dirty, underhanded, sneaky campaign that (LoBiondo's) running."

"I can't just can't believe that Bill Hughes is so determined to take this campaign into the gutter, to the level he has," was LoBiondo's reaction.

LoBiondo, of Vineland, the sponsor of current state legislation to repeal New Jersey's assault-weapon ban, said he was unaware of the literature until Hughes confronted him with it at the Sunday event. He said the incident should have ended there.

"I would have been glad to join in a statement with him denouncing these tactics and calling on these people to stop," said the assemblyman. He added that Hughes "hasn't offered one shred of evidence, except hearsay or innuendo," that LoBiondo was

responsible for the poster.

Hughes claimed LoBiondo failed to take any action to stop distribution. The congressman claimed the literature was still being handed out at the New Jersey Coalition of Sportsmen's table two hours later, when he dispatched a photographer to take a picture of it.

"If I were offended by something, the first thing I'd do is tear it up" in the presence of the distributors, Hughes said. "But he didn't do that."

Robert Viden, a Gloucester gun dealer who is also chairman of the New Jersey Coalition of Sportsmen, said he believes the poster was an altered version of one circulated by a Milwaukee, Wis., group known as Jews For the Preservation of Firearms Ownership. The version shown by Hughes states that additional copies of the literature can be obtained from "JFFO." Organization officials could not be reached for comment at their Milwaukee headquarters.

Viden said local members of the Wisconsin organization have been allowed to distribute literature at the coalition's tables at events, but he said he was unaware of the version directed at Hughes.

"Somebody has evidently taken a 'Dump Hughes' bumper sticker and put that on the bottom of it," said Viden, who also said the original poster has been around for several years.

"We just had a booth there," Viden said about the Millville event. "I'm sorry this whole thing came up. I hate

to see something blown politically out of proportion."

Hughes said the booth had a large LoBiondo sign on it and was clearly supporting the GOP candidate.

Hughes said he suspected that the NRA was behind the literature.

An NRA spokesman told the Associated Press late Wednesday that it did authorize a bumper sticker with "Clean up South Jersey. Dump Bill Hughes" on it, but not the Hitler piece.

"There's no question in our mind we'd like to defeat Bill Hughes," said Joe Phillips, a Washington lobbyist for the NRA.

"The bumper sticker is the only thing we've done," Phillips said. "These bumper stickers were not meant to be given anonymously. That was an oversight."

He said they should have carried the message: "Paid for by the NRA Political Victory Fund."

"He (Hughes) knows I didn't have anything to do with that material. And

he knows full well that the FEC won't get around to checking into it until well after the campaign is over. It's all part of a staged event," LoBiondo said.

The FEC's Eiland said he couldn't comment on how long it would take to investigate the complaint. But he said the current average is 8 1/2 months.

LoBiondo alleged that Hughes filed the complaint because he doesn't want the campaign to be focused on such items as the incumbent's failure to support a balanced budget amendment, his use of franked mail, and increases in congressional salaries since Hughes was first elected in 1974.

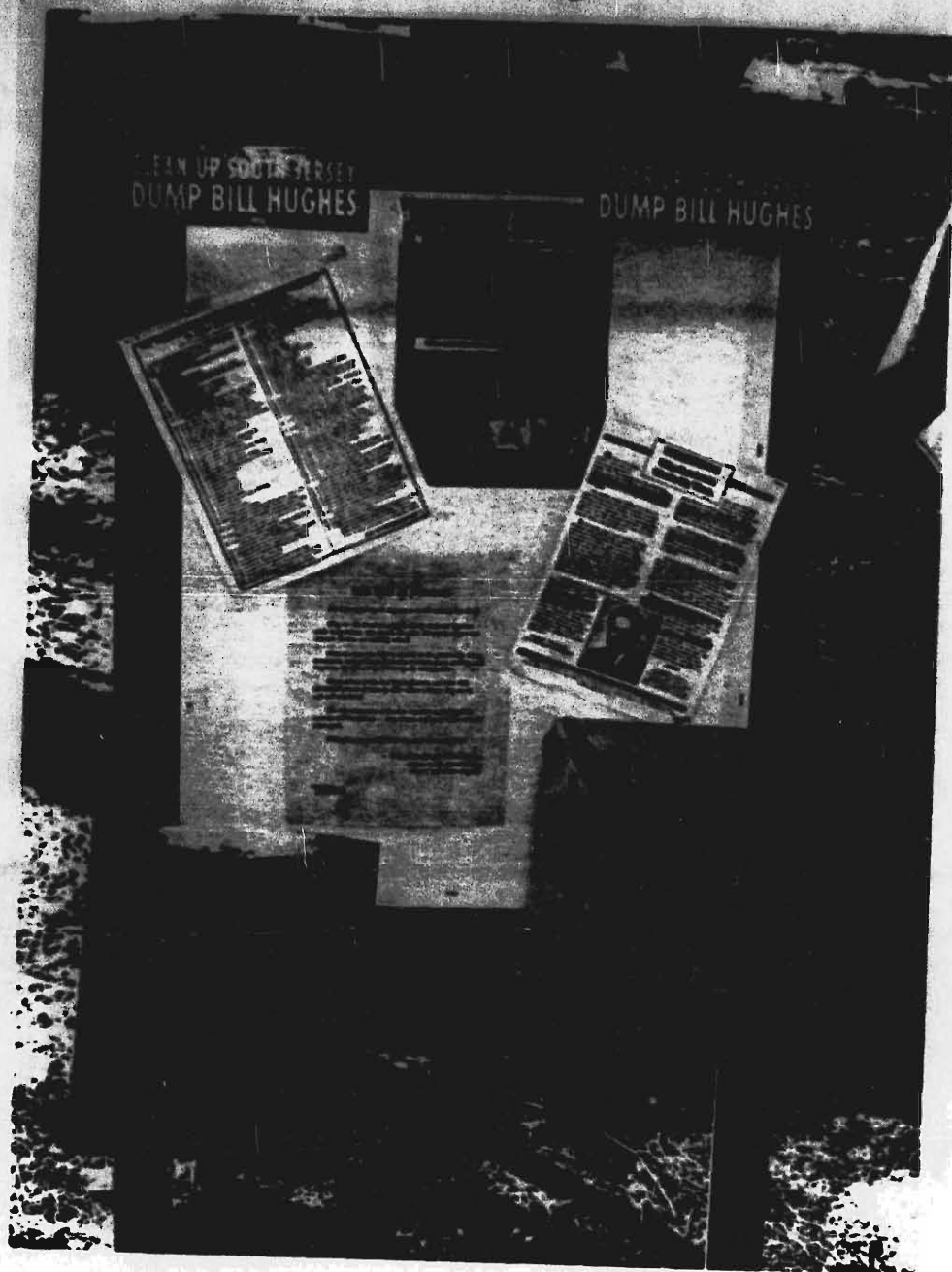
Hughes called that assertion "indiscreet."

He said he filed the complaint, despite the FEC's slow response time, in order to prevent similar literature from being issued in the future.

"I'm going to try to stop it. You don't stop it by walking away from it," he said.

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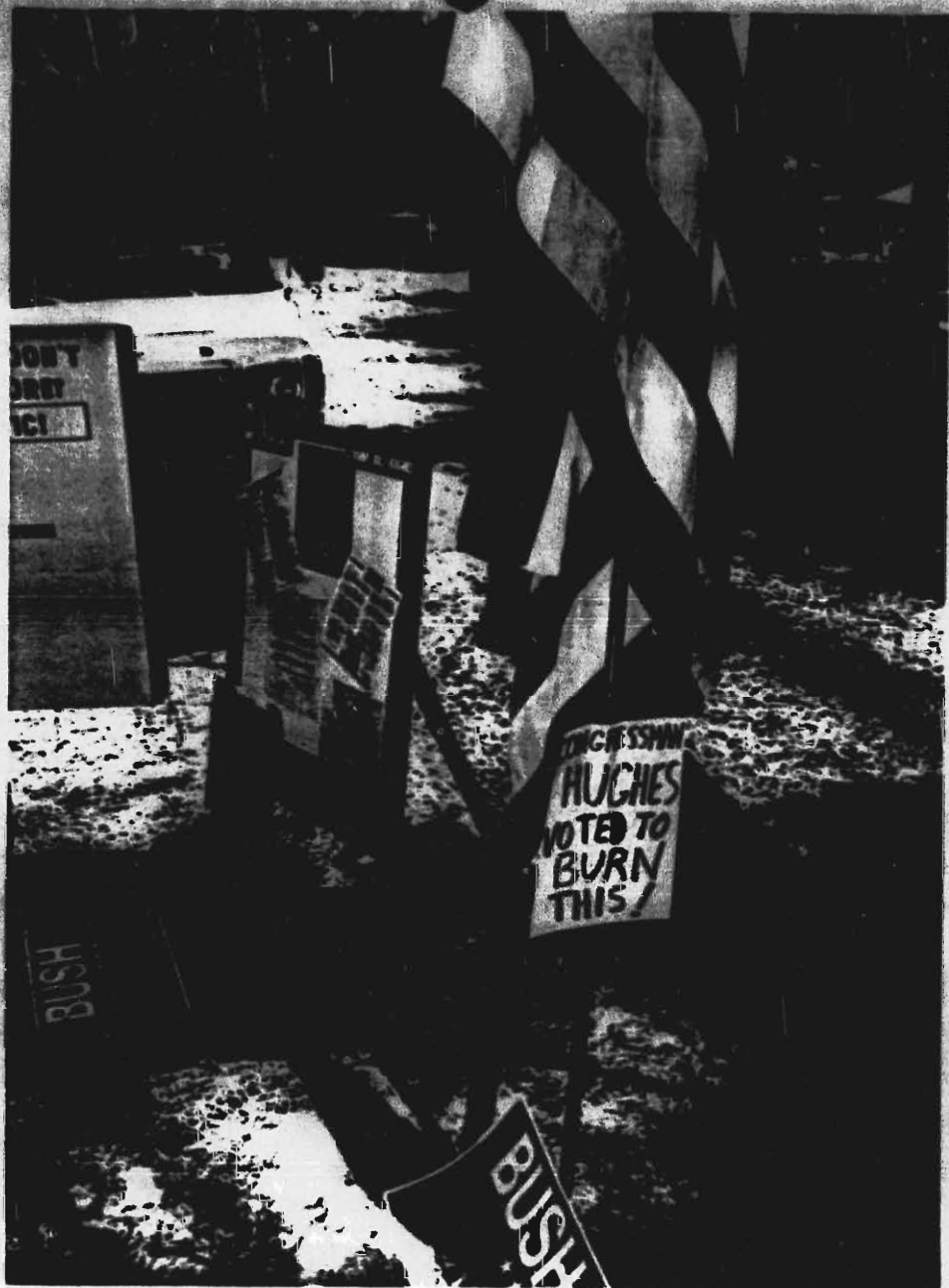
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Lawrence Noble, Esq.
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Dear Mr. Noble:

I am writing in further reference to my letter of October 6, 1992, in which I submitted photographs that were taken at a campaign booth at the Sportsman's Jamboree in Millville, New Jersey.

Unfortunately, there was a typographical error in the fourth paragraph of my letter. The correct date of the Sportsman's Jamboree was September 20, 1992.

I would appreciate it if you would make this correction a part of the file.

Sincerely,

Bill Hughes
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Member of Congress

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November 2, 1992

Honorable Bill Hughes
P.O. Box 178
Ocean City, NJ 08226

RE: MUR 3623

Dear Congressman Hughes:

This letter acknowledges receipt on October 29, 1992, of the amendment to the complaint you filed on September 25, 1992, against Frank A. LoBiondo, the Zeus Gun Shop, the LoBiondo Committee to Change Congress and Andrew J. McCrosson, Jr., as treasurer, and the New Jersey Coalition of Sportsmen. As a result of the amendment, the NRA Political Victory Fund is also a respondent in this matter. The respondents will be sent copies of the amendment. You will be notified as soon as the Federal Election Commission takes final action on your complaint.

Sincerely,

Mark Allen

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

November 2, 1992

NRA Political Victory Fund
Maryrose Jennison, Treasurer
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Washington, D.C. 20036

RE: MUR 3623

Dear Ms. Jennison:

The Federal Election Commission received a complaint and an amendment thereto which indicates that NRA Political Victory Fund ("Committee") and you, as treasurer, may have violated the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended ("the Act"). Copies of the complaint and amendment are enclosed. Although the Committee and you were not named in the original complaint, and therefore not notified at that time, we are providing you a copy for your information. We have numbered this matter MUR 3623. Please refer to this number in all future correspondence.

Under the Act, you have the opportunity to demonstrate in writing that no action should be taken against you in this matter. Please submit any factual or legal materials which you believe are relevant to the Commission's analysis of this matter. Where appropriate, statements should be submitted under oath. Your response, which should be addressed to the General Counsel's Office, must be submitted within 15 days of receipt of this letter. If no response is received within 15 days, the Commission may take further action based on the available information.

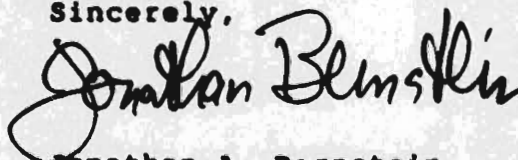
This matter will remain confidential in accordance with 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(4)(B) and § 437g(a)(12)(A) unless you notify the Commission in writing that you wish the matter to be made public. If you intend to be represented by counsel in this matter, please advise the Commission by completing the enclosed form stating the name, address and telephone number of such counsel, and authorizing such counsel to receive any notifications and other communications from the Commission.

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Maryrose Jennison, Treasurer
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If you have any questions, please contact Mark Allen, the attorney assigned to this matter, at (202) 219-3400. For your information, we have enclosed a brief description of the Commission's procedures for handling complaints.

Sincerely,



Jonathan A. Bernstein
Assistant General Counsel

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

November 2, 1992

LoBiondo Committee to Change Congress
Andrew J. McCrosson, Jr., Treasurer
738 Landis Avenue
Vineland, NJ 08360

RE: MUR 3623

Dear Mr. McCrosson:

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Sincerely,

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Mark Allen
Attorney

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President
New Jersey Coalition of Sportsmen
260 Columbia Avenue
Ft. Lee, NJ 07024

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Frank A. LoBiondo
1754 Wynnewood Drive
Vineland, NJ 08360

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John J. Finnegan, III, Esq.
Finnegan and Barth, P.A.
The Executive News - Suite E-32
1930 Route 70 East
Cherry Hill, NJ 08003

RE: MUR 3623
Zeus Gun Shop

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Political Victory Fund

Institute for Legislative Action

P.O. Box 18911, Washington, D.C. 20036

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November 13, 1992

Federal Election Commission
999 E Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20463

Attention: Jonathan A. Bernstein
Assistant General Counsel

Re: MUR 3623

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Dear Mr. Bernstein:

In response to your letter dated November 6, 1992, the NRA Political Victory Fund admits to printing and distributing to the public bumper strips that say "Clean up South Jersey Dump Bill Hughes". The disclaimer of "Paid for by the NRA Political Victory Fund and Not Authorized by Any Candidate or Candidate's Committee" was inadvertently left off in the production phase. There were 5,000 bumper strips printed at a cost of \$652.40; other costs involved were typesetting of \$32.75 and a UPS charge of \$65.50. Copies of the FEC Reports referencing these items is attached.

The NRA Political Victory Fund did not print or distribute any "posters" as alleged in the letter of October 6, 1992 supplementing Mr. Hughes' complaint.

If you have any questions, I can be reached at 828-6233.

Sincerely,

Mary Rose Jennison
Mary Rose Jennison
Treasurer

Sworn and subscribed to
before me this 13th day
of November, 1992.

Debbie B. Scott
Notary Public

Debbie B. Scott
Notary Public, District of Columbia
My Commission Expires Oct. 31, 1994

ITEMIZED INDEPENDENT EXPENDITURES

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Name of Committee (in Full)		ID No		
NRA Political Victory Fund		C00053553		
Full Name, Mailing Address & ZIP Code of Each Payee	Purpose of Expenditure	Date (month, day, year)	Amount	Name of Federal Candidate supported or opposed by the expenditure & office sought
Konoko Graphic Products One Newark Street Hoboken, NJ 07030	Printing of bumperstickers	9/15/92	652.40	Bill Hughes NJ-2 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose
Konoko Graphic Products One Newark Street Hoboken, NJ 07030	Printing of bumperstickers	9/15/92	1,682.90	Bill Zeliff NH-1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose
Optima Direct 1000 Vermont Ave, NW Washington, DC 20005	Computer charge for phone bank list	9/15/92	653.66	Andy Fox VA-1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose
Prolist PO Box 612 Burtonsville, MD 20866	Computer charge for labels	9/22/92	475.00	Bruce Herschensohn CA-Senate <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose
Prolist PO Box 612 Burtonsville, MD 20866	Computer charge for labels	9/22/92	145.00	Mickey Edwards OK-5 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose
Prolist PO Box 612 Burtonsville, MD 20866	Computer charge for labels	9/22/92	307.50	Drew Edmondson Ok-2 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose
SUBTOTAL OF ITEMIZED INDEPENDENT EXPENDITURES			3,916.46	
SUBTOTAL OF UNITEMIZED INDEPENDENT EXPENDITURES			-0-	
TOTAL INDEPENDENT EXPENDITURES				

I hereby certify that the expenditures reported herein were made in accordance with the request of support of the candidate, authorized committee or agent of such candidate or authorized committee, and the more these expenditures are made, the more the candidate or committee will be able to obtain the support of the voters of the State.

Signed and sworn to before me on _____

My Commission Expires _____

Dessie B. Scott
Notary Public, District of Columbia
My Commission Expires Oct. 31 1994

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Hertz Corporation PO Box 25485 Oklahoma City, OK 73125	Travel expenses	9/22/92	651.53	Gene Green TX-29 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose
United Parcel Service Louisville, KY	Shipping charge	9/22/92	65.50	William Hughes NJ-2 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose
National Rifle Association 1600 Rhode Island Ave, NW Washington, DC 20036	Prepayment of salary expense	9/23/92	970.84	Drew Edmondson OK-2 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose
Allen Hodgkins 1600 Rhode Island Ave, NW Washington, DC 20036	Travel expenses	9/24/92	380.14	Drew Edmondson OK-2 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose
Anne Eiken 1600 Rhode Island Ave, NW Washington, DC 20036	Travel Expenses	9/24/92	373.44	Drew Edmondson OK-2 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose
				<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose

1. SUBTOTAL OF ITEMIZED INDEPENDENT EXPENDITURES

\$ 2,441.45

2. SUBTOTAL OF UNITEMIZED INDEPENDENT EXPENDITURES

\$68,960.60

3. TOTAL INDEPENDENT EXPENDITURES

\$ 68,960.60

Under penalty of perjury, I certify that the independent expenditures reported herein were made in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended, and the regulations thereunder, and that the expenditures were not made in violation of the provisions of the Act or the regulations. Furthermore, these expenditures do not include the financing of dissemination, distribution, or republication of any campaign material prepared by the candidate, his campaign committee, or his agent.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 10 day of September, 1992

My Commission Expires _____

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Date

Printed Name
Notary Public, State of Oklahoma
Commission Expires Oct. 31, 1994

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Full Name, Mailing Address & ZIP Code of Each Payee	Purpose of Expenditure	Date (month day year)	Amount	Name of Federal Candidate supported or opposed by the expenditure & office sought
Parker Print & Graphics 15871 Commerce Court Upper Marlboro, MD 20772	Printing of endorsement letters	10/5/92	751.27	Mickey Edwards OK-5 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose
Zip Mailing 3118 Hubbard Road Landover, MD 20785	Labor cost for mailing endorsement postcards	10/5/92	125.00	Drew Edmondson OK-2 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose
Parker Print & Graphics 15871 Commerce Court Upper Marlboro, MD 20772	Typesetting of bumperstickers	10/5/92	32.75	Bill Hughes NJ-2 <input type="checkbox"/> Support <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose
Parker Print & Graphics 15871 Commerce Court Upper Marlboro, MD 20772	Typesetting of bumperstickers	10/5/92	26.50	Jim Bunning KY-4 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose
Parker Print & Graphics 15871 Commerce Court Upper Marlboro, MD 20772	Printing of endorsement letter	10/5/92	99.42	Mike Synar OK-2 <input type="checkbox"/> Support <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose
Parker Print & Graphics 15871 Commerce Court Upper Marlboro, MD 20772	Printing of endorsement letter	10/5/92	99.43	Drew Edmondson OK-2 <input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose

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C TOTAL INDEPENDENT EXPENDITURES

I, Dessie B. Scott, Notary Public, District of Columbia, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the original document filed with me for recording.

Signature

Date

Dessie B. Scott
Notary Public, District of Columbia
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Mr. Mark Allen, Attorney
Federal Election Commission
999 E Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20483

RE: MUR 3623

Dear Mr. Allen:

Thank you for once again allowing the campaign to respond to Mr. Hughes' charges. I have enclosed copies of previous correspondence sent to your office, addressed to Mr. Richard M. Zarfardino. I have also enclosed a copy of the return receipt from the Federal Election Commission dated October 14, 1992.

Please let me point out once again to the FEC that:

1. The booth where the posters in question appear was not manned by the LoBiondo campaign staff. It was manned by the Sportsmen's Coalition as reported in the Atlantic City Press of September 21, 1992 enclosed.

2. Mr. Hughes confronted me on September 20 only with the poster "Clean Up South Jersey, Dump Bill Hughes." He asked me what I knew about it and I said I knew nothing about its production or distribution. He did not ask me about any other literature.

3. The poster "Clean up South Jersey, Dump Bill Hughes" was produced by the National Rifle Association as stated by their spokesman Joe Phillips, Courier Post, September 28, 1992 enclosed.

4. The poster with Hitler was produced by Jews for the Preservation of Firearms Ownership, The Press, September 26, 1992. I have no knowledge of who produced the altered posters. The Associated Press story submitted by Mr. Hughes does state that Mr. Hughes suspects the National Rifle Association. You will note that the Hitler poster was found both in its original form and its altered form. It appears as though someone, unrelated to my campaign staff, took a bumper sticker and attached it to the Hitler poster.

Mr. Mark Allen
14 November 1992
Page Two

5. On September 20th, after receiving a call from The Press I issued the following statement "I categorically deny any knowledge of, or involvement in producing or distributing this material." (enclosed)

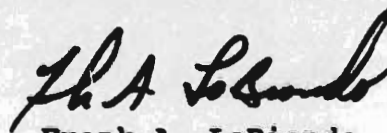
6. In reviewing the news clips you will see that The Press, September 24, 1992, reports that the table where campaign literature and the posters in question appeared, was tampered with the night before.

7. Campaign literature authorized by my campaign carries with it the proper disclaimer. I am enclosing a copy of my bumper sticker and brochure again.

Mr. Allen, I hope you will take the time to review the entire file. Again, I will reiterate that Mr. Hughes has no clear evidence that the LoBiondo Committee to Change Congress was part of producing or distributing the posters.

If you have any additional questions or need further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact me at 609 451 2410 x 3002.

Sincerely,


Frank A. LoBiondo

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Enclosures-letters of October 7, 1992
news clips, bumper sticker and brochure
news release
affidavit

P.S. Please note a typographical error in the October 7, 1992 letter to Mr. Zanzardino from Mr. McCrosson. It states on page 1 that Mr. Hughes never confronted "me" with the flier. The me refers to myself.

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U.S. CONGRESSMAN BILL HUGHES

P.O. Box 178
Ocean City, N.J. 08226
609 398-6395

CONTACT: Likie Nika

609-398-6395

September 23, 1992

HUGHES FILES COMPLAINT AGAINST LOBIONDO WITH FEC

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- Congressman Bill Hughes (D-NJ) today filed a formal complaint with the Federal Elections Commission, charging that his opponent, Frank LoBiondo, and his supporters distributed three unauthorized campaign posters, including one which likens Hughes to Adolf Hitler.

Hughes said the posters--which LoBiondo and his supporters prominently displayed and handed out at the Sportsmen's Jamboree in Millville over the weekend--violated federal election law because they did not identify who authorized and paid for them.

Hughes also cited in his complaint a billboard which the LoBiondo campaign displayed at the jamboree, on which the unauthorized posters were displayed along with other campaign literature from the LoBiondo campaign.

Hughes said he regrets he has to take such a step. However, he said, he decided that the complaint is the only way to stop the outrageous activities which the National Rifle Association and its members have engaged in to try to intimidate candidates and influence the outcome of elections in New Jersey in recent years. *

"I'm troubled about taking this action," Hughes said. "It's not something that I want to do. I just don't see any other way to stop this nonsense. Frank LoBiondo is trying to portray himself as a congressional reformer, yet he and the radical fringe he has surrounded himself with are engaging in the worst kind of gutter politics one could imagine.

"Let's face it, LoBiondo was sneaky. He and his cronies in the gun lobby thought they could get away with handing out this junk, but they got caught redhanded at it. The reason they didn't have any name on this material is that they didn't want to accept the responsibility for it. That's a cowardly act. If my complaint serves any purpose at all, I hope it will be to bring an end to these outrageous tactics once and for all," Hughes said.

In his complaint to the FRC, Hughes said LoBiondo had full knowledge of the posters, that he encouraged and/or condoned them and their content, and that he coordinated their distribution along with other literature from his campaign.

In a sworn deposition, Hughes said he first became aware of the mystery campaign literature when he learned that they were being distributed at the Seas Gun Shop in Cardiff, N.J. Subsequently, he learned that the posters and fliers had been posted on dozens, and perhaps hundreds, of automobiles parked outside a local high school football game.

On Sunday, September 20, 1992, Hughes said, he personally confronted LoBiondo at the campaign booth which the New Jersey Coalition of Sportsmen had set up at the jamboree in Millville. At the time of their confrontation, he said, LoBiondo was standing in front of a booth and billboard on which the unauthorized posters, including the Hitler characterization, were prominently displayed, along with other LoBiondo brochures.

In addition, Hughes said, he observed stacks of the posters on the table in front of LoBiondo, side by side with other LoBiondo brochures and bumper stickers, where they were being handed out by LoBiondo's supporters.

The Congressman said he picked up copies of the posters, showed one of them to LoBiondo and another individual with him, and asked them who had authorized and paid for the materials, since they had no disclaimer on them. He said LoBiondo and the other individual both responded that they had no knowledge of them.

"Indeed, he said 'what literature?' Hughes stated. "I held it up in his face and said 'this literature, Frank.'"

"I just find LoBiondo's denial impossible to believe," Hughes stated in his deposition, "given that he was standing in front of the booth and billboard where the materials were posted in full view, there were stacks of the posters, LoBiondo campaign brochures and bumper stickers on the table in front of him, and he and his supporters were observed coordinating the efforts to hand them out along with his other campaign literature.

"Moreover, the individual standing with Mr. LoBiondo had one of the posters plastered across his chest, yet he said he had no knowledge of the materials," Hughes continued. "In addition, as I drove into the jamboree, the hundreds of cars on both sides of the street and in the parking areas were plastered with these materials."

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Hughes pointed out that he submitted as part of his complaint photographs later taken of the booth and the billboard on which the posters were displayed, and various people who were involved in handing out the materials. He said one photo shows a young child displaying the Hitler poster in front of his chest.

"The poster comparing me to Hitler is, without question, the most disgusting campaign literature I have seen in recent years," said Hughes. "What kind of message is Frank LoBiondo trying to send to the children of our country by utilizing a child to hand out this kind of poison?"

"I thought LoBiondo had sunk as low as he could go when he attacked my family values a few weeks ago, but obviously I was wrong. His Hitler analogy transcends all bounds of decency and fairness. What's more, his refusal to accept responsibility for a poster which he and his supporters were observed handing out demonstrates that he will resort to anything to get elected," Hughes said.

Hughes noted that the most objectionable poster shows an image of Hitler giving the Nazi salute in front of a bulls-eye target, with the message: "Everyone in Favor of Gun Control/Raise Your Right Hand/Dump Bill Hughes." He said the second poster misrepresents his position on hunting issues.

He pointed out that federal election law requires a disclaimer on all public political advertising which advocates the election or defeat of a clearly identified candidate, identifying who authorized and paid for it. He said LoBiondo's posters were clearly aimed at urging his defeat and did not contain such a disclaimer.

Hughes said it is obvious that members of the NRA are behind the LoBiondo posters. He noted that similar materials likening Hitler to other candidates who were opposed by the gun lobby have appeared in recent elections. "They're likening Hitler to anybody who favors gun control," Hughes said.

Hughes said it is no surprise that the gun lobby would employ similar tactics against him, since he wrote the laws banning cop-killer bullets and plastic firearms, led the fight in Congress for reasonable restrictions on machine guns and assault weapons, and has been a principal supporter of the Brady bill, which would require a waiting period for the purchase of a handgun to check for a criminal record or mental history.

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By comparison, LoBiondo has been the chief sponsor of the NRA's bill to repeal New Jersey's tough law banning assault weapons. In fact, LoBiondo declared his candidacy for Congress the day after he introduced the assault weapons bill.

Moreover, he said, the gun lobby has been heavily involved in LoBiondo's campaign from day one, sending out expensive mailings on his behalf and making huge independent expenditures on advertisements to boost his campaign. Hughes said it is a good example of why LoBiondo's call for a campaign spending limit was hypocritical, since LoBiondo is accepting enormous financial assistance from the gun lobby which he refuses to count towards his spending cap.

"Frank LoBiondo is carrying water for the NRA," Hughes stated. "Obviously, he has sold out lock, stock and barrel to the NRA. It's pathetic just how far he is willing to go to do the NRA's bidding. He got caught redhanded passing out illicit literature. His attempts to deny it are just not worthy of belief."

The Congressman noted that if the FEC finds that the LoBiondo campaign violated the law, they can be subjected to civil penalties. Under FEC procedures, he said, LoBiondo will have 15 days to respond to the complaint after he is formally notified by the FEC.

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ier likens Hughes to Hitler

Assemblyman and GOP congressional candidate Frank Hughes denies responsibility for literature attacking the

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congressional race between Democratic incumbent J. Hughes and Republican challenger Frank LoBiondo Sunday with the space of virulently anti-campaign material of undetermined origin. The flier likened Hughes to

Adolf Hitler.

Calling the material "dirty tricks" and "gutter politics," Hughes pointed the finger at LoBiondo, contending his opponent had to know about it because a LoBiondo supporter was distributing it in LoBiondo's company Sunday at the South Jersey Sportsmen's Jamboree in Millville.

"I'm going to look into filing a formal complaint (today)," Hughes said.

The material — a bumper sticker and two fliers — did not bear statements of who issued them, as required by election law.

LoBiondo said Hughes asked him about the bumper sticker — which reads, "Clean Up South Jersey/Dump Bill Hughes" — at the jamboree. He said he told Hughes then that he didn't know where it came from.

LoBiondo said he hadn't seen the Hitler flier but "absolutely

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decries" the use of the former dictator's image under any circumstances.

"Everyone knows full well I have nothing to do with something like that," LoBiondo said.

The flier depicts an image of Hitler in uniform, his hand upraised in a Nazi salute, superimposed over the image of a bull's-eye target. The caption reads: "Everyone In Favor of Gun Control/Raise Your Right

□ See Attack, Page C2



**EVERYONE IN FAVOR
OF GUN CONTROL**

**RAISE YOUR
RIGHT HAND**

DUMP BILL HUGHES

Mystery flier attacks Hughes.

A tack: Political flier likens Hughes to Adolf Hitler

(Continued from Page C1)

Hand/Dump Bill Hughes."

Hughes said he had the Hitler flier in his hand with the bumper sticker when he confronted LoBiondo at the New Jersey Coalition of Sportsmen's booth at the jamboree.

"He has to assume responsibility. He was with the group that was putting it out," said Hughes, adding that the booth had a large LoBiondo banner above it.

Jamboree officials, displeased by the politicizing of a traditionally non-partisan event, said they took down all political banners and removed campaign literature from the windshields of cars parked outside the grounds.

Politicians were welcome to "walk through" the event and about 25 did, they said, but not to distribute campaign literature.

Butch Sacco, owner of Butch's Gun World in Vineland and a member of the Sportsmen's Coalition, said he was one of several people manning the coalition's booth Sunday. He said he saw the Hitler flier on the table when he arrived but has "no knowledge where it came from."

LoBiondo acknowledged seeing the third item Hughes faulted — a flier headlined "Hunters Beware!" that asserts Hughes "is threatening to END all hunting on all public lands."

"It was at the coalition table," said LoBiondo. "It was something probably generated by hunters who are not enamoured with Bill Hughes and haven't been for years."

LoBiondo said he doesn't know what kind of reception Hughes expected, "but there are people who aren't pleased with his voting record."

He accused Hughes of making a "big deal" of the fliers in order to divert attention from the balanced budget amendment and other campaign issues.

"Nobody's diverting anything," said Hughes. "He (LoBiondo) just happened to get caught (Sunday) red-handed with illegal fliers with trash that is untruthful."

Hughes said the contention in



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the "Hunters Beware" flier that he is opposed to hunting is "nonsense" and is based on distortions of his record by the National Rifle Association.

The flier says Hughes "voted against the Marlenee Amendment which would have allowed YOU to hunt on public lands."

Hughes said the amendment was to add 1.4 acres to the Mojave Desert National Park. No hunting is allowed in the park, he said, but the park "has 18,000 acres of public hunting ground around it."

Hughes said he is not opposed to hunting, owns weapons himself, hunted in Salem and Cape May counties for years, and sup-

ported the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service when it wanted to open Supuana National Wildlife Area in Salem County to hunting three years ago in order to thin out the deer herd.

But he has authored several pieces of legislation which angered the NRA, he said, including legislation

- banning armor-piercing cop-killer bullets;
- requiring registration of machine guns;
- banning silencers;
- banning military assault weapons he says have no sporting value;
- and banning the manufacture of plastic and ceramic weapons, which are not detectable by airport metal detectors.

All those laws were requested by police, said Hughes, who chaired the Subcommittee on Crime for 10 of his 18 years in Congress.

Hughes said he also angered the NRA when he led a floor fight many years ago that defeated a proposal to allow handgun dealers to set aside 300 of their guns for their personal collection without keeping records on those weapons.

Hitler poster stirs controversy

Poster links congressman who favors gun control to dictator

By HOWARD ALTMAN
Courier-Post Staff

One of history's most evil men has become the focus of a bizarre ad campaign in an already heated election battle in the 2nd Congressional District.

Adolf Hitler, his right arm outstretched in the infamous Sieg Heil salute, adorns posters with the caption "Everyone in favor of gun control raises your right hand Dump Bill Hughes."

The poster has created a firestorm in an increasingly nasty battle between 10-year incumbent William Hughes, a Democrat, and his Republican opponent, Assemblyman Frank LoBiondo.

Hughes calls the posters a "sneaky" act by a "cowardly" LoBiondo. He also accused the National Rifle Association (NRA) of involvement in the Hitler poster and of providing other campaign literature for the LoBiondo campaign.

"It is all hush-hush," said Hughes. "The NRA sent out campaign literature and two days ago, another piece of literature surfaced with my face superimposed on Hitler's body."

LoBiondo, who denies having anything to do with the Hitler poster, calls Hughes' complaints "desperate." The NRA also denies any connection to the Hitler posters.

"I am so outraged that Bill Hughes is determined to take this campaign into the gutter," said LoBiondo, who condemned the poster. "He claims I am behind this. I categorically deny any knowledge of this produced this material. It is terrible."

"We had nothing to do with the Hitler posters," said NRA lobbyist John Phillips.

Last Wednesday, Hughes filed a complaint with the Federal Election Commission, claiming that



WILLIAM HUGHES
"It is all hush-hush."

LoBiondo violated federal election law by failing to provide information on the Hitler poster about who paid for it and where it came from.

According to FEC press officer Fred Eiland, all campaign literature is required to bear that information. Violators, he said, face a fine of at least \$5,000.

The result of Hughes' complaint won't likely become a campaign issue. According to Eiland, it takes an average of eight months for a decision, which is generally reached as the result of negotiation between the FEC and the offending party.

Regardless of the FEC's ultimate decision, the poster has helped make gun control the most visible issue in the district.

Gun control advocates

Hughes — who said he owns a number of weapons, including shotguns and pistols, has written several gun control laws. They include a measure to prohibit the sale and use of Teflon-coated pro-



FRANK LOBIONDO
"...I am so outraged"

jectiles that can pierce bullet-proof vests worn by police.

LoBiondo, on the other hand, has been a staunch supporter of the effort by state Republicans to repeal the ban on assault weapons.

Add to the mix the NRA, which has jumped into the fray, and it is clear that the 2nd Congressional District has become a major battle zone in the war over gun control.

NRA officials say that, with a chance to get another supporter into Congress, they are morally aligned with LoBiondo.

Though LoBiondo has promised not to accept any financial contributions from the pro-gun lobby, the NRA has been circulating bumper stickers that read "Clean Up South Jersey — Dump Bill Hughes."

The bumper stickers, like the Hitler posters, did not have any sponsorship names on them — a fact that Hughes noted in his FEC complaint.

Phillips called the omission an "oversight."

NRA denies involvement

"How that happened we do not know," said Phillips, adding that the bumper sticker was sent out by the NRA to a South Jersey activist he would not name. "We have no desire for anonymity. It is no secret that Mr. Hughes votes against law-abiding firearms owners."

Phillips said the NRA will continue its independent moral support of LoBiondo.

"We have no plans to contribute money to the campaign," Phillips said. "Mr. LoBiondo does not want or need our money. But we are giving assistance, in so far as we would like to defeat Mr. Hughes."

That assistance, said Phillips, includes an anti-Hughes mailing to NRA members in the district. The NRA is not providing any LoBiondo campaign literature, Phillips stressed.

Hughes said he first learned of the bumper stickers, and the Hitler poster, at a Millville Sportsmen's Jamhore on Sept. 18 attended by thousands of outdoor enthusiasts from all over the Delaware Valley.

Hughes said he heard rumors of the campaign paraphernalia and then found proof: LoBiondo is a booth with both the poster and the bumper sticker.

"Let's face it, LoBiondo was sneaky," said Hughes. "He and his cronies in the gun lobby thought they could get away with handing out this junk, but they got caught red-handed. The reason they didn't have their name on this material was that they didn't want to accept the responsibility for it. That's a cowardly act."

But LoBiondo denied any association between his campaign and either the bumper sticker or the Hitler poster. He added that Hughes only confronted him with



**EVERYONE IN FAVOR
OF GUN CONTROL
RAISE YOUR
RIGHT HAND
DUMP BILL HUGHES**

Hughes targeted: William Hughes' Republican challenger, Frank LoBiondo, as well as the National Rifle Association have denied any knowledge of the Hitler poster.

the bumper sticker — and did not learn until later that it was paid for by the NRA.

"This is such a bogus complaint," said LoBiondo. "It is a desperate act by a desperate man who doesn't want to talk about the issues. He knows I have nothing to do with the poster. It serves no purpose. It doesn't help me."

LoBiondo said he would rather focus on issues such as economic recovery and jobs.

'It is a diversion'

"But all Hughes talks about is gun control," said LoBiondo. "He has gotten some attention, but it is a diversion."

Instead, LoBiondo said he prefers to talk about his plans to

revive the nation's stalled economy, including initiating some of President Bush's tax measures that he said would "create new jobs."

Specifically, LoBiondo is calling for, among other things, a \$5,000 tax credit and a tax-free IRA withdrawal for first-time homebuyers.

"That would put back to work 415,000 unemployed construction workers according to the National Association of Home Builders," LoBiondo says in his campaign literature.

Hughes, for his part, said his efforts to bring industrial parks and the Federal Aviation Administration Technical Center in Pomona to the district have created local jobs.

Hitler Poster Sparks FEC Complaint By Hughes

By Susan A. Glaser

Rep. Bill Hughes (D-NJ) yesterday filed a Federal Election Commission complaint against his opponent, State Assemblyman Frank Lofinardo, charging that he and his supporters had distributed a campaign poster, without proper disclosure, comparing Hughes to Adolf Hitler.

The poster, a copy of which was provided by Hughes' campaign, includes a picture of Hitler with his right arm raised, and says, "Everyone in favor of gun control raise your right hand. Dump Bill Hughes."

Federal election law requires campaign literature to include a notation of who authorized and paid for it.

Hughes, until 1978 chairman of the Judiciary subcommittee on crime and a leading proponent of the Brady bill, said he personally confronted Lofinardo on Sunday at a booth set up by the New Jersey Coalition of Sportsmen at a jamboree in Millville, NJ.

Lofinardo, said Hughes in his deposition to the FEC, was standing in front of a booth and a billboard on which the Hitler poster, along with other Lofinardo literature, was displayed. But, Hughes said, Lofinardo denied any knowledge of the poster when Hughes asked him about it.

"Congressman Bill Hughes is determined to bring this campaign to the gutter," Lofinardo said in a statement. He categorically denied any knowledge of the ad, and said the complaint was "an unsubstantiated and offensive personal attack on my integrity."

Hughes said he had filed the complaint, however, because "I just find Lofinardo's denial impossible to believe."

Hughes' anti-gun efforts include legislation banning cop-killer bullets and plastic firearms, and restrictions on assault weapons. Lofinardo was the chief sponsor in the Assembly of a bill repealing New Jersey's ban on assault weapons, which was successful earlier this month.

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Clearing the record

An article in Thursday's Sunbeam about campaign literature in the 2nd District congressional race did not make a distinction between different versions of the literature that combined a photograph of Adolf Hitler with statements against U.S. Rep. William J. Hughes, D-2nd Dist.

In the article, Hughes' Republican opponent, Frank A. Lollando, states that he was unaware of the literature until Hughes confronted him with it last weekend.

Steve Wilson, an aide to Lollando's campaign, said Friday that Lollando said Hughes confronted him only with a bumper sticker that called for Hughes' removal, not the composite piece with the Hitler picture attached. Wilson said that Lollando did not know about the composite version until he saw a newspaper photograph of it the next day.

Hughes said Friday that while he questioned Lollando directly about the bumper sticker, he was holding the other material in his hands and that it was visible to Lollando.

Hughes has filed a complaint with the Federal Election Commission because the literature lacked a statement disclosing who paid for it. Lollando has denied any involvement with its preparation or distribution.

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Gun group decries use of poster

■ **Objection:** *The Jewish group, which equates gun control with Nazism, says its copyright has been violated.*

By HOWARD ALTMAN
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MILLVILLE — The group that printed the controversial Adolf Hitler gun target that caused a furor in the 2nd Congressional District says it has nothing to do with making the poster a political football.

"We are not interested in politics," said Aaron Zeisman, executive director of the Milwaukee-based Jewish gun advocacy group called Jews for Preservation of Firearms Ownership (JPFO). "We are concerned that Jews and all law-abiding citizens will suffer from gun control. Hitler took away the guns and look what happened."

The JPFO, a non-profit, non-partisan "educational" organization that equated gun control with Nazism, admits printing the target. But Zeisman said someone in the district violated his copyright by turning the target into a political poster denigrating incumbent Democratic Congressman William Hughes.

The poster shows Hitler making the "Sieg Heil" salute with his right arm. Underneath the picture are the words "Everybody in favor of gun control raise your right arm. Dump Bill Hughes."

Hughes has blamed Republican challenger Frank LoBiondo and the National Rifle Association (NRA) for distributing

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Gun group condemns poster's use in campaign

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the poster. Both organizations deny the charge.

Zelman said his organization was founded three years ago to educate the pro-gun community. But last fall, the JPFO changed its focus, concentrating instead on providing educational material supporting gun ownership.

"This organization was founded because gun control is not in the best interests of the Jewish people," said Zelman. "The gun control laws of 1968 are based on Hitler's gun control laws of 1938."

Jews who favor gun control are doing themselves a disservice, said Zelman.

By supporting gun control, most Jews are fostering anti-Semitism," he said. "Besides, the best way for law-abiding citizens to protect themselves is by being armed."

By attacking the Jews, Hitler was able to wipe them out, said Zelman. "In the last 1,900 years,

whenever Jews were disarmed, they suffered," he said. "For Jews, gun control is political suicide."

Zelman and Alan Rice, JPFO's New Jersey coordinator, say they are angered that their poster has been drawn into the Hughes-Loftis battle.

"The target was altered without our permission," Rice said. "Though the laws supported by Mr. Hughes are similar to the Nazi laws of 1938, our organization is not on record calling him a Nazi or a Hitler."

Mark Brown, a spokesman for Hughes, said that any comparison between Hughes and Hitler is faulty.

Mr. Hughes only supports control on the most dangerous types of weapons and ammunition, said Brown. "He has never wavered in his support for people to own guns. There is a lot of middle ground out there, and it is not right to say that everyone who believes in gun control can be compared to Hitler."

Rice said the posters were

altered by somebody who slipped a "Dump Bill Hughes" bumper sticker, printed by the NRA, on the gun target. Rice said he did not know who made the changes.

Though a pro-gun organization, JPFO is not aligned with the NRA, Zelman said.

"We don't want to carry their banner," he said. Zelman added that the JPFO is also not aligned with the Jewish Defense League, another organization that believes Jews must defend themselves with force if necessary.

"The distinction is that they are a street organization and we are an educational organization," he said. "They are the ones who create militias to protect the synagogue if they are being vandalized, and good for them for doing that. But we don't get involved in street activities."

The Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith (ADL) and other Jewish groups have opposed the JPFO. Last year, the ADL and six other Jewish organizations held a news conference to denounce a JPFO ad campaign that compared gun control advocates Sarah Brady to Hitler.

JPFO's anti-Brady ads were in useless smear campaign that injected religious bigotry into public debate," according to the American Jewish Congress.

Lennie Beer, associate director of the ADL in Philadelphia, said,

"The JPFO is an organization whose purposes we are not sympathetic with. The propaganda materials are akin to what anti-Semites have said about Jews and gun control."

Despite opposition from mainstream Jewish groups, Rice said there are many JPFO members in the state, and about 2,000 nationwide.

"There are many people who believe that, if the economy takes another turn for the worse, Jews and other minorities will suffer," he said. "That is one reason why, while people are no longer buying automobiles and washing machines, the sale of guns has jumped."

Federal and state statistics, however, do not support Zelman's argument.

According to the New Jersey State Police, the number of permits for handguns issued by the state has been steadily dropping since 1988. There were 30,308 gun permits issued that year, 29,857 in 1990 and 27,786 in 1991. State Police have no figures for this year.

National figures show the same trend. According to both the FBI and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, gun ownership is dropping.

Citing a Roper Center for Public Opinion research study published in the *Source Book of Criminal Statistics*, an annual survey of 1,984 men and women also shows reduced gun ownership.

According to the study, 46 percent of respondents said they owned a gun in 1989, 43 percent in 1990 and by 1991, only 40 percent

said they owned a gun.

Still, the JPFO believes this when it comes to guns, the more the merrier.

"Washington D.C. has a complete ban on guns," said Rice. "And they have the highest murder rate in the nation. Jews understand that gun control is unacceptable."

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Hitler flier nets complaint by Hughes

■ Rep. Bill Hughes, D-Ind., accuses his GOP opponent of condoning the flier comparing the incumbent to Adolf Hitler.

By KATHLEEN CANNON
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U.S. Rep. William J. Hughes Wednesday filed a complaint with the Federal Election Commission charging that his Republican opponent condoned the distribution of campaign literature depicting Hughes as Adolf Hitler.

Hughes, D-Ind., alleged in the complaint that Frank A. Loftis, who was present when supporters



distributed two fliers and a bumper sticker that do not include mandated disclaimers stating who paid for the materials.

The Ocean City Democrat

Hughes said Wednesday night that someone anonymously delivered still another flier — this one depicting Hughes' face as a Hitler-like study — to his Congress campaign office in Pennsville Township in Bergen County earlier that evening.

Hughes' Pennsville aide was not available to explain the circumstances surrounding the discovery of this newest flier.

In a statement, Loftis denied Hughes' accusation, saying he was not involved in the production or distribution of the materials and never even saw the Hitler piece until confronted by Hughes. He also decried the use of such tactics by any party during a campaign.

Moreover, "Bill Hughes has not offered a shred of evidence to support his charges other than his statements and innuendoes," Loftis said Wednesday.

Meanwhile, a National Rifle Association official in Washington admitted Wednesday that his group produced the bumper

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Hughes files campaign complaint against LoBiondo

By MILES JACKSON
Staff Writer

Democratic U.S. Rep. William Hughes filed a complaint Wednesday with the Federal Election Commission against his GOP opponent Frank LoBiondo and his supporters for distributing literature without the proper disclaimer naming who authorized and paid for the material.

Hughes said he was especially appalled at a leaflet distributed at several locations, including the South Jersey Seaside Inn, located in Maurice River Township, that likened him to Adolf Hitler.

LoBiondo and the South Jersey Seaside Inn, located at 1000 N. Atlantic Ave., said they had no knowledge of who produced the leaflet.

"I find it so offensive that any one would charge me with this," LoBiondo said. "I do not know where the literature came from, I did not know it was being distributed. I didn't know about it until I read it in the paper the next day."

LoBiondo noted that he blasted a county Republican publication during his last campaign for Assembly, because it called Ray Batten, his Democratic opponent, "Hitler."

Robert Viana, co-chairman of the sportsmen's coalition, said he also had no knowledge of the literature's origin.

"I can't deny that it was at our booth, but we didn't put it there," Viana said. "A lot of people

groups that have views that coincide with ours put literature on the table at our booth, but we don't know who did it."

Hughes, however, said LoBiondo was aware of the literature and must take responsibility for the campaigning done on his behalf.

"He and the radical fringe he has surrounded himself with are engaging in the worst kind of gutter politics one could imagine," Hughes said. "He and his cronies in the gun lobby thought they could get away with leading out this junk, but they got caught red-handed."

LoBiondo said the complaint was a ploy to divert attention from legitimate campaign issues.



REGION

Jewish group: Anti-Hughes flier used without permission

Jews for the Preservation of Firearms Ownership wants to know who altered its Hitler flier to fight Bill Hughes.

By KATHLEEN CANNON
Staff Writer

A group called Jews for the Preservation of Firearms Ownership is investigating how its Hitler flier was altered to urge southern New Jersey voters to "Dump Bill Hughes."

A Springfield Township, Union County, man who is a member of the board of directors of JPFO said he wants to know who infringed upon the group's copyright.

Alan M. Rice said Friday he still does not know who added the reference to the Democratic congressman from Ocean City to

the flier.

The organization's literature depicts the Nazi Germany dictator, his right arm in salute, standing in front of a bull's-eye target. Under the sketch is the saying, "All in Favor of Gun Control Raise Your Right Hand."

Someone added "Dump Bill Hughes" to the bottom of the flier, covering JPFO's logo, address and copyright mark.

Hughes, D-2nd, former chairman of the House Subcommittee on Crime, is a prominent gun control supporter.

"That ad was done sometime last year, and it has nothing to do with Bill Hughes or anyone else

in New Jersey for that matter," Rice said.

Hughes has alleged his opponent, state Assemblyman Frank LoBiondo, D-Cape May, Cumberland, Atlantic, is behind the distribution of the flier, which does not identify who paid for it. He filed a complaint with the Federal Election Commission on Wednesday, three days after confronting LoBiondo at the South Jersey Sportsmen's Jamboree in Millville.

It was there that Hughes said he spotted LoBiondo supporters handing out the flier and two other pieces of campaign literature. LoBiondo has disavowed knowledge of the piece.

Rice said "thousands" of people belong to the JPFO, whose

logo is a Star of David centered between silhouettes of a musket and an assault weapon. The group was formed three years ago and is based in Milwaukee.

"One of the principal reasons we organized was, when you look down the list of organizations and individuals who actively support gun control, there's an awful lot of Jews there," he said.

"After 1,900 years of oppression, we don't think law-abiding citizens should be disarmed," said Rice.

The organization chose to highlight Hitler in the artwork "to demonstrate the point that Hitler and his Nazi regime had pervasive gun control," he said.

Rice, whose group does not believe in any form of gun con-

trol, said citizens should have the right to defend themselves against the "violent, crazed criminals who are doing the killing."

To educate the public, JPFO has produced a book that compared Nazi Germany's gun control laws to present day laws in this country. The book also excerpts state laws from Massachusetts, Illinois and New Jersey, three states with tough gun control statutes.

To Rice's knowledge, this is the first time the flier has been used during a political campaign. He declined to comment on the

status of JPFO's search for the person who altered the flier.

"We have some people looking into it for me. I really can't comment on it now," he said.

And while the JPFO does not endorse candidates, Rice said he personally supports LoBiondo, in part because of the state assemblyman's efforts to repeal the ban on semi-automatics.

"I'd like to see Frank LoBiondo elected," he said. "If people think this (flier) will help him, I don't necessarily have a problem with that. I don't know if it will or will not help him."

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sticker, but neglected to include the disclaimer.

Some of the wording on the bumper sticker is identical to part of the wording on the Hitler flier, but the gun lobby official disavowed knowledge of that piece.

"I have no idea where (the Hitler flier) came from. I swear on a stack of Bibles on that," said NRA lobbyist Joseph Hughes.

"This organization would not condone anything like that. But there may be people there who might be members who might have done that," he added.

Hughes, former chairman of the House Subcommittee on Crime, is a prominent gun-control supporter. Although he owns and uses handguns, shotguns and other hunting weapons, the nine-term incumbent has worked to ban armor-piercing bullets, military-style assault weapons and weapons that can't be detected in airports.

Opponents of gun control support LoBlundo, who as a state assemblyman, has sponsored a repeal of New Jersey's landmark ban on semi-automatic weapons. The origin of the Hitler flier was the subject of renewed speculation Wednesday.

LoBlundo's spokesman, Steve Wilson, in an interview with the Associated Press, theorized that Hughes might have put it out himself.

"He has brought up the NRA in everything he has done. We have received absolutely no contributions from the National Rifle Association, and we're doing it just so Bill Hughes can't use that as an excuse to avoid the issues," he said.

However, he didn't rule out the gun lobby's ability to make independent expenditures on behalf of LoBlundo.

A member of the New Jersey Coalition of Sportsmen also hinted that the offending flier may have been planted at the coalition's table at the annual sports-

men's event.

Richard Billings, who was staffing the coalition's table Sunday, said he has no knowledge of the Hitler flier with the Hughes reference, and would not have allowed it on the table had he known about it.

He acknowledged that the coalition distributes a generic Hitler flier with the words "Everyone in favor of gun control raise your right hand." But he said the flier with which he is affiliated does not list any candidates' names.

Had poster for years

"We've had the Hitler poster for years, but it's strictly about gun control and doesn't mention any politician," he said. "The Hughes flier was rigged."

The sportsman said the flier appears to have been altered by combining it with the lower line of the NRA bumper sticker that reads "Clean Up South Jersey Dump Bill Hughes."

The words "Dump Bill Hughes" is identical in size, typeface and color on both pieces.

Further confusing the issue is the existence of a Hughes-supplied photograph of an unidentified little boy standing in front of the coalition table holding the Hitler flier without the Hughes reference.

But another photograph also supplied by the Democrat shows the altered flier pinned to a bulletin board at the jamboree. Billings said he did not post that flier on the board.

He said it could have been possible for someone to add the Hitler/Hughes fliers to the pile on the table without him noticing.

Table tampering

Billings also said the coalition table was tampered with overnight Saturday. Someone removed a LoBlundo banner, he said, a report confirmed by a jamboree official.

"When I found the table tampered with in the morning I was looking for things missing, not added," Billings said.

"What's he saying? That they fell down from the sky?" Hughes said of Billings' remark about the Hitler/Hughes flier. "There was a stack of them there and it was even plastered on the billboard."

LoBlundo, meanwhile, accused Hughes of using the matter to distract voters from more pressing issues.

Hughes is "determined to drag this campaign into the gutter," he said. "He has issued an unsubstantiated and offensive personal attack on my integrity."

Hughes dismissed LoBlundo's denial it would have been impossible for the Republican to be unaware of the literature Sunday while standing so close to the coalition table and to supporters who were handing out the fliers.

Hughes said, "He's just sorry he got caught. We caught him red-handed." Hughes said, "And the suggestion that I planted this is just ludicrous."

Hughes also denied LoBlundo's suggestion that he engineered the confrontation for publicity. LoBlundo had questioned why Hughes didn't just notify him privately when he first learned of the offending material a few days earlier.

Didn't realize connection

But Hughes said he did not realize LoBlundo's connection to the campaign pieces until he saw his opponent at the jamboree and immediately questioned him about it.

Hughes scoffed at Phillips' explanation that the NRA simply forgot to include the disclaimer on the bumper sticker. The lobbyist said several thousand of the stickers were printed without the mandatory language.

"They're sophisticated. They know the FEC rules," Hughes retorted.

As for the NRA disavowing the Hitler flier, Hughes said, "Nobody's going to take credit for that. It's obviously an effort to conceal who manufactured and distributed it. That was the whole intention at the coalition booth. Nobody knew anything."

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BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

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In the Matter of

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GENERAL COUNSEL'S REPORT

SENSITIVE

I. INTRODUCTION

This report is the General Counsel's Report to recommend that the Commission no longer pursue the identified lower priority and stale cases under the Enforcement Priority System.

II. CASES RECOMMENDED FOR CLOSING

A. Cases Not Warranting Further Pursuit Relative to Other Cases Pending Before the Commission

A critical component of the Priority System is identifying those pending cases that do not warrant the further expenditure of resources. Each incoming matter is evaluated using Commission-approved criteria and cases that, based on their rating, do not warrant pursuit relative to other pending cases are placed in this category. By closing such cases, the Commission is able to use its limited resources to focus on more important cases.

Having evaluated incoming matters, this Office has identified 34 cases which do not warrant further pursuit relative to the other pending cases.¹ A short description of

1. These matters are: PM 309 (Attachment 1); RAD 95L-12 (Attachment 2); MUR 4118 (Attachment 3); MUR 4119 (Attachment 4); MUR 4120 (Attachment 5); MUR 4122 (Attachment 6); MUR 4123 (Attachment 7); MUR 4124 (Attachment 8); MUR 4125 (Attachment 9); MUR 4126 (Attachment 10); MUR 4130 (Attachment 11); MUR 4133 (Attachment 12); MUR 4134 (Attachment 13); MUR 4135 (Attachment 14); MUR 4136 (Attachment 15); MUR 4137

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each case and the factors leading to assignment of a relatively low priority and consequent recommendation not to pursue each case is attached to this report. See Attachments 1-34. As the Commission requested, this Office has attached the responses to the complaints for the externally-generated matters and the referral for the matter referred by the Reports Analysis Division because this information was not previously circulated to the Commission. See Attachments 1-34.

B. Stale Cases

Investigations are severely impeded and require relatively more resources when the activity and evidence are old. Consequently, the Office of General Counsel recommends that the Commission focus its efforts on cases involving more recent activity. Such efforts will also generate more impact on the current electoral process and are a more efficient allocation of our limited resources. To this end, this Office has identified 11 cases that

do not

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(Attachment 16); MUR 4138 (Attachment 17); MUR 4140
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(Attachment 24); MUR 4153 (Attachment 25); MUR 4155
(Attachment 26); MUR 4158 (Attachment 27); MUR 4163
(Attachment 28); MUR 4164 (Attachment 29); MUR 4169
(Attachment 30); MUR 4179 (Attachment 31); MUR 4195
(Attachment 32); MUR 4196 (Attachment 33); and MUR 4205
(Attachment 34).

warrant further investment of significant Commission resources.² Since the recommendation not to pursue the identified cases is based on staleness, this Office has not prepared separate narratives for these cases. As the Commission requested, in matters in which the Commission has made no findings, the responses to the complaints for the externally-generated matters and the referrals for the internally-generated matters are attached to the report because this information was not previously circulated to the Commission. See Attachments 35-45. For cases in which the Commission has already made findings and for which each Commissioner's office has an existing file, this Office has attached the most recent General Counsel's Report.

This Office recommends that the Commission exercise its prosecutorial discretion and no longer pursue the cases listed below effective October 16, 1995. By closing the cases effective October 16, 1995, CED and the Legal Review Team will respectively have the additional time necessary for preparing the closing letters and the case files for the public record.

2. These matters are: PM 250 (Attachment 35); PM 272 (Attachment 36); MUR 3188 (Attachment 37); MUR 3554 (Attachment 38); MUR 3623 (Attachment 39); MUR 3988 (Attachment 40); MUR 3996 (Attachment 41); MUR 4001 (Attachment 42); MUR 4007 (Attachment 43); MUR 4007 (Attachment 43); MUR 4008 (Attachment 44); and MUR 4018 (Attachment 45).

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III. RECOMMENDATIONS

A. Decline to open a MUR and close the file effective October 16, 1995 in the following matters:

- 1) PM 309
- 2) RAD 95L-12
- 3) PM 250
- 4) PM 272

B. Take no action, close the file effective October 16, 1995, and approve the appropriate letter in the following matters:

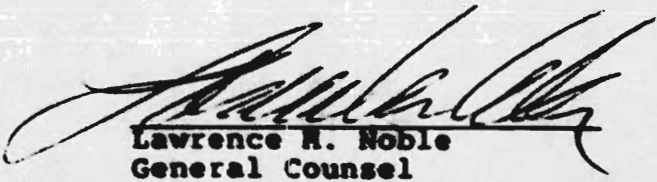
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- 9) MUR 4118
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- 31) MUR 4153
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- 33) MUR 4158
- 34) MUR 4163
- 35) MUR 4164
- 36) MUR 4169
- 37) MUR 4179
- 38) MUR 4195
- 39) MUR 4196
- 40) MUR 4205

C. Take no further action, close the file effective October 16, 1995 and approve the appropriate letter in MUR 3188.

9/27/95
Date


Lawrence H. Noble
General Counsel

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BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

In the Matter of)
) Agenda Document #X95-85
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CERTIFICATION

I, Marjorie W. Emmons, recording secretary for the Federal Election Commission executive session on October 17, 1995, do hereby certify that the Commission decided by votes of 5-0 to take the following actions:

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- 10) MUR 4119
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Commissioners Aikens, Elliott, McDonald, McGarry, and
Thomas voted affirmatively for each of the decisions;
Commissioner Potter was not present.

Attest:

10-20-95
Date

Marjorie W. Emons
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Secretary of the Commission

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

October 23, 1995

William J. Hughes
1019 Wesley Road
Ocean City, NJ 08226

RE: MUR 3623

Dear Mr. Hughes:

On September 25, 1992, the Federal Election Commission received your complaint alleging certain violations of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended ("the Act"). On October 29, 1992, the Commission received the amendment you filed to this complaint.

After considering the circumstances of this matter, the Commission has determined to exercise its prosecutorial discretion and to take no action in the matter. This case was evaluated objectively relative to other matters on the Commission's docket. In light of the information on the record, the relative significance of the case, and the amount of time that has elapsed, the Commission determined to close its file in this matter on October 17, 1995. This matter will become part of the public record within 30 days.

The Act allows a complainant to seek judicial review of the Commission's dismissal of this action. See 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(8).

Sincerely,

Mary L. Taksar (es)

Mary L. Taksar, Attorney
Central Enforcement Docket

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

October 23, 1995

President
New Jersey Coalition of Sportsmen
260 Columbia Avenue
Fort Lee, NJ 07024

RE: MUR 3623

Dear Sir or Madam:

On September 30, 1992, the Federal Election Commission notified you of a complaint alleging certain violations of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended. A copy of the complaint was enclosed with that notification. On November 2, 1992, you were notified of an amendment to the complaint and a copy of the amendment was forwarded to you.

After considering the circumstances of this matter, the Commission has determined to exercise its prosecutorial discretion and to take no action against the New Jersey Coalition of Sportsmen. This case was evaluated objectively relative to other matters on the Commission's docket. In light of the information on the record, the relative significance of the case, and the amount of time that has elapsed, the Commission determined to close its file in this matter on October 17, 1995.

The confidentiality provisions of 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(12) no longer apply and this matter is now public. In addition, although the complete file must be placed on the public record within 30 days, this could occur at any time following certification of the Commission's vote. If you wish to submit any factual or legal materials to appear on the public record, please do so as soon as possible. While the file may be placed on the public record prior to receipt of your additional materials, any permissible submissions will be added to the public record when received.

If you have any questions, please contact Central Enforcement Docket at (202) 219-3400.

Sincerely,

Mary L. Taksar (H28)

Mary L. Taksar, Attorney
Central Enforcement Docket

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

October 23, 1995

The Honorable Frank A. LoBiondo
1754 Wynnewood Drive
Vineland, NJ 08360

RE: MUR 3623

Dear Mr. LoBiondo:

On September 30, 1992, the Federal Election Commission notified you of a complaint alleging certain violations of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended. A copy of the complaint was enclosed with that notification. On November 2, 1992, you were notified of an amendment to the complaint and a copy of the amendment was forwarded to you.

After considering the circumstances of this matter, the Commission has determined to exercise its prosecutorial discretion and to take no action against you. This case was evaluated objectively relative to other matters on the Commission's docket. In light of the information on the record, the relative significance of the case, and the amount of time that has elapsed, the Commission determined to close its file in this matter on October 17, 1995.

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Sincerely,

Mary L. Taksar (HES)

Mary L. Taksar, Attorney
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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

October 23, 1995

John J. Finnegan, III, Esq.
Finnegan and Barth, P.A.
1930 Route 70 East
Cherry Hill, NJ 08003

RE: MUR 3623
Zeus Gun Shop

Dear Mr. Finnegan:

On September 30, 1992, the Federal Election Commission notified your client, the Zeus Gun Shop, of a complaint alleging certain violations of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended. A copy of the complaint was enclosed with that notification. On November 2, 1992, you were notified of an amendment to the complaint and a copy of the amendment was forwarded to you.

After considering the circumstances of this matter, the Commission has determined to exercise its prosecutorial discretion and to take no action against the Zeus Gun Shop. This case was evaluated objectively relative to other matters on the Commission's docket. In light of the information on the record, the relative significance of the case, and the amount of time that has elapsed, the Commission determined to close its file in this matter on October 17, 1995.

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Sincerely,

Mary L. Taksar (srs)

Mary L. Taksar, Attorney
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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

October 23, 1995

Maryrose Jennison, Treasurer
NRA Political Victory Fund
11250 Waples Mill Road
Fairfax, VA 22030

RE: MUR 3623

Dear Ms. Jennison:

On September 30, 1992, the Federal Election Commission notified the NRA Political Victory Fund and you, as treasurer, of a complaint alleging certain violations of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended. A copy of the complaint was enclosed with that notification. On November 2, 1992, you were notified of an amendment to the complaint and a copy of the amendment was forwarded to you.

After considering the circumstances of this matter, the Commission has determined to exercise its prosecutorial discretion and to take no action against the NRA Political Victory Fund and you, as treasurer. This case was evaluated objectively relative to other matters on the Commission's docket. In light of the information on the record, the relative significance of the case, and the amount of time that has elapsed, the Commission determined to close its file in this matter on October 17, 1995.

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Sincerely,

Mary L. Taksar (428)

Mary L. Taksar, Attorney
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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

October 23, 1995

Andrew J. McCrosson, Jr., Treasurer
LoBiondo for Congress
P. O. Box 775
Harmora, NJ 08223

RE: MUR 3623

Dear Mr. McCrosson:

On September 30, 1992, the Federal Election Commission notified LoBiondo Committee to Change Congress and you, as treasurer, of a complaint alleging certain violations of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended. A copy of the complaint was enclosed with that notification. On November 2, 1992, you were notified of an amendment to the complaint and a copy of the amendment was forwarded to you.

After considering the circumstances of this matter, the Commission has determined to exercise its prosecutorial discretion and to take no action against LoBiondo Committee to Change Congress and you, as treasurer. This case was evaluated objectively relative to other matters on the Commission's docket. In light of the information on the record, the relative significance of the case, and the amount of time that has elapsed, the Commission determined to close its file in this matter on October 17, 1995.

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Sincerely,

Mary L. Taksar (HRS)

Mary L. Taksar, Attorney
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THIS IS THE END OF MUR # 3623

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