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MUR 3775

May 8, 1993

Office of General Counsel
Federal Election Commission
999 E Street NW
Washington, D.C. 20463

RE: Campaign Violation

Dear Sir:

This letter is to register a complaint with the Federal Election Commission regarding a violation of 2 USC Section 441h. On March 25, 1993, I filed a Statement of Candidacy FEC Form 2 (copy enclosed) stating my intention to seek the office of U.S. House of Representative for the 1st Congressional District for the State of South Carolina.

Either I or my campaign representatives handed out endorsement letters on "HIPP for Congress" stationery at each of the Republican County Conventions in Berkeley, Charleston, Dorchester, Georgetown and Horry Counties held between April 2 and April 10, 1993. These letters were developed, designed and created on my law office's personal computer, and copies were printed at a local office supply business. To date, these are the only letters ever produced by my campaign on "HIPP for Congress" stationery.

Fraudulent campaign letters on "HIPP for Congress" stationery addressed to "Berkeley County HIPPsters" and "Dorchester County HIPPsters" were allegedly distributed at the 1st Congressional District Republican Convention on April 26, 1993. These letters advised the reader that signals would be given of when to stand, when to clap and when to shout for Van

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Hipp. The fraudulent letters further contained the unauthorized signatures of the co-chairmen for Berkeley and Dorchester Counties of the HIPP for Congress Committee. However, neither I nor any of my County Co-chairmen saw these letters at the 1st District Convention. Per the news article from the May 2, 1993, issue of The State newspaper, these fraudulent letters were delivered to the press by supporters of two rival candidates. It is my opinion that these fraudulent letters had to have been produced as a result of a "cut and paste" job on my county convention letters, since my county convention letters are the only document on "HIPP for Congress" stationery that my campaign has authorized or produced to date.

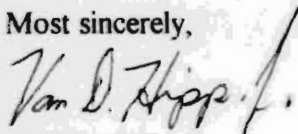
Enclosed please find my Affidavit and Affidavits from the co-chairmen of the HIPP for Congress Committee for Berkeley and Dorchester Counties. Further, you will find originals of my campaign letters distributed at the county conventions, copies of the fraudulent campaign letters allegedly delivered at the 1st District Convention, and copies of the May 2, 1993, articles from The State (Columbia, SC) and The Post and Courier (Charleston, SC) newspapers regarding the fraudulent campaign letters.

You will note that the fraudulent campaign letters were faxed from the Tillman Law Firm on April 26, 1993, at 9:13 PM while the 1st District Convention was being held. To the best of my knowledge, Wheeler Tillman is a campaign aide for one of my opponents.

I respectfully request that you review these materials, investigate the matter fully, find the party(ies) responsible for these fraudulent actions, and appropriately sanction them.

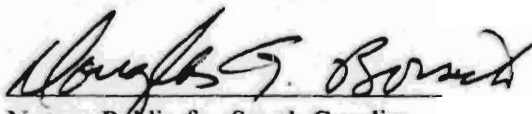
Your consideration in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Most sincerely,



Van D. Hipp, Jr.

SWORN to and subscribed before
me this 8th day of May, 1993.



Notary Public for South Carolina

My Commission Expires: 1/23/94

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STATEMENT OF CANDIDACY

(see reverse side for instructions)

1. (a) Name of Candidate (in full) Van Darrel Hipp, Jr.			2. Identification Number
(b) Address (number and street) 521 Rice Hope Drive		<input type="checkbox"/> Check if address changed	
(c) City, State, and ZIP Code Mount Pleasant, S. C. 29464			
3. Party Affiliation Republican	4. Office Sought U.S. Representative	5. State & District of Candidate South Carolina/ 1st District	

DESIGNATION OF PRINCIPAL CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE

6. I hereby designate the following named political committee as my Principal Campaign Committee for the 1994 election(s)
(year of election)

NOTE: This designation should be filed with the appropriate office listed below.

(a) Name of Committee (in full) Hipp For Congress Committee
(b) Address (number and street) P. O. Box 702
(c) City, State and ZIP Code Mount Pleasant, South Carolina 29465

DESIGNATION OF OTHER AUTHORIZED COMMITTEES

(Including Joint Fundraising Representatives)

7. I hereby authorize the following named committee, which is NOT my principal campaign committee, to receive and expend funds on behalf of my candidacy.

NOTE: This designation should be filed with the principal campaign committee.

(a) Name of Committee (in full)
(b) Address (number and street)
(c) City, State and ZIP Code

I certify that I have examined this Statement and to the best of my knowledge and belief it is true, correct and complete.

Signature of Candidate <i>Van D. Hipp, Jr.</i>	Date March 25, 1993
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NOTE: Submission of false, erroneous, or incomplete information may subject the person signing this Statement to the penalties of 2 U.S.C. §437g.

CANDIDATES FOR THE OFFICE OF:

President mail to: Federal Election Commission 999 E Street, N.W. Washington, DC 20463	U.S. Senate mail to: Secretary of the Senate Office of Public Records 232 Hart Senate Office Bldg. Washington, DC 20510-7116	U.S. House of Representatives mail to: Clerk of the House of Representatives Office of Records and Registration 1036 Longworth Office Bldg. Washington, DC 20515-6612	For further information contact: Federal Election Commission Toll-free 800/424-9530 Local 202/219-3420
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FEC FORM 2
(revised 4/87)

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
)
COUNTY OF CHARLESTON)

A F F I D A V I T

Van D. Hipp, Jr. being duly sworn deposes and says:

1. That he is a citizen and resident of Charleston County, South Carolina.
2. That he has been married to Jane Grote for 9 years and they have two children,

Trey and Sarah Camille.

3. That he is a member in good standing of the South Carolina Bar, has been since 1985, and is a partner in the law firm of Hipp & Borsich.

4. That he is the former Deputy Assistant Secretary of the United States Army.

5. That he is the former Principal Deputy General Counsel of the United States Navy.

6. That on March 25, 1993, he filed with the Federal Election Commission his Statement of Candidacy FEC Form 2 regarding the office of United States Representative for the 1st Congressional District of South Carolina.

7. That he has formed a HIPP for Congress Steering Committee in each of the five counties of the 1st District. Those counties being Berkeley, Charleston, Dorchester, Georgetown, and Horry.

8. That the two overall Honorary Co-Chairmen of the HIPP for Congress Committee are Mrs. James B. Edwards and Carroll Campbell, Sr.

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9. That either he and/or HIPP for Congress Committee members attended the Republican Conventions for Berkeley, Charleston, Dorchester, Georgetown, and Horry Counties and handed out a letter of endorsement on " HIPP for Congress " stationery. These conventions were held between April 2 and 10, 1993.

10. That the 1st District Republican Convention was held on April 26, 1993, at the Charlestowne Dome from 7 pm to 10 pm.

11. That he attended the April 26 1st District Republican Convention, but no authorized "HIPP for Congress" stationery or campaign literature on "HIPP for Congress" stationery was handed out that night. More specifically, no letter of endorsement was made by the HIPP for Congress Committee or distributed by the HIPP for Congress Committee at the 1st District Convention.

12. That on or about April 26, 1993, two (2) fraudulent campaign letters were composed on "HIPP for Congress" stationery. These letters told people that signals would be given of when to stand, when to clap and when to shout for Van Hipp, and at the bottom contained the fraudulent and unauthorized use of the names of DeAnna Trout, Wade C. Arnette, Sheila Gallagher and Bill Whatley, the co-chairmen of Berkeley and Dorchester Counties, respectively, of the HIPP for Congress Committee.

13. That on April 26, 1993, the night of the said 1st District Convention, he did not see the fraudulent campaign letters, addressed to the "Berkeley County HIPPsters" and

"Dorchester County HIPPsters", at the Charlestowne Dome nor did he see them being distributed.

14. That he was first informed and learned of the fraudulent campaign letters on Wednesday morning, April 28, from Mr. Lee Bandy of The State newspaper (Columbia, S. C.)

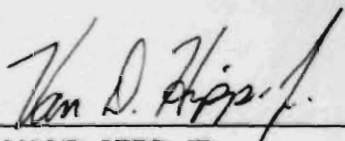
15. That he is informed and believes that the fraudulent campaign letters were delivered to the press by supporters of rival candidates (see May 2, The State newspaper article).

16. That he is informed and believes that the fraudulent campaign letters were faxed from the Tillman Law Firm on Monday, April 26, 1993, at 9:13 PM. (see fax confirmation.)

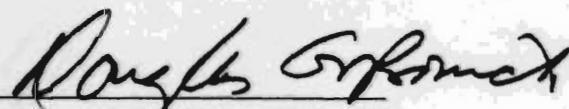
17. That he is informed and believes that the fraudulent campaign letters addressed to "Berkeley County HIPPsters" and "Dorchester County HIPPsters" were designed and distributed to damage and discredit him in his candidacy for the 1st District congressional seat.

18. That he is informed and believes that the fraudulent campaign letters are a violation of 2 USC Section 441h regarding fraudulent misrepresentation of campaign authority.

19. That he is further informed and believes that this matter should be fully investigated by the Federal Election Commission and the party(ies) responsible appropriately sanctioned.


VAN D. HIPPI, JR.

SWORN to and subscribed before
me this 7th day of May, 1993.


Notary Public for South Carolina
My Commission Expires: 1/23/94

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
)
COUNTY OF BERKELEY)

AFFIDAVIT

DeAnna Trout being duly sworn deposes and says:

1. That she is a citizen and resident of Berkeley County, South Carolina in the 1st Congressional District.

2. That she is the owner of a jewelry store and has been for fifteen (15) years.

3. That she is a Commissioner of the Department of Consumer Affairs for the State of South Carolina.

4. That she is a member of the Board of Directors of the South Carolina Better Business Bureau.

5. That she and Wade C. Arnette are the Berkeley County Co-Chairmen of the HIPP for Congress Committee.

6. That her signature appeared on a campaign letter on "HIPP for Congress" stationery which was distributed at the Berkeley County Republican Convention on April 8, 1993. That the use of her signature on that campaign piece was authorized.

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7. That at no time did she authorize her signature on, or even know of, the fraudulent campaign letter printed on "HIPPI for Congress" stationery allegedly distributed at the 1st District Convention on April 26, 1993. That the fraudulent campaign letter told people signals would be given of when to stand, when to clap and when to shout for Van Hipp.

8. That she was at the 1st District Republican Convention on April 26, 1993, and she did not see anyone distributing the fraudulent campaign letter. Further, that the first time that she heard of or saw the letter was after the Convention.

9. That she is her own person, strong willed, and an independent thinker. Further, that she would not support a candidate who tried to orchestrate a show of support through such a ridiculous plan as that set forth in the fraudulent campaign letter.

10. That she has known Van D. Hipp, Jr. for thirteen (13) years and knows him to be a man of integrity and outstanding moral character.

11. That Van D. Hipp, Jr. would not and did not print, distribute or authorize the fraudulent campaign letter allegedly distributed at the 1st District Republican Convention on April 26, 1993.

12. That she is informed and believes that the fraudulent campaign letter on "HIPPI

for Congress" stationery addressed to " Berkeley County HIPPsters" is a violation of 2 USC
Section 441h regarding fraudulent misrepresentation of campaign authority because it appears to
try to damage and discredit Van D. Hipp, Jr. in his candidacy for the 1st District congressional
seat.

13. That she is informed and believes that this matter should be fully investigated
by the Federal Election Commission and the party(ies) responsible appropriately sanctioned.

Deanna S. Trout
DEANNA TROUT

SWORN to and subscribed before
me this 6th day of May, 1993.

Douglas G. Hornet
Notary Public for South Carolina
My Commission Expires: 1/23/94

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
COUNTY OF BERKELEY)

A F F I D A V I T

Wade C. Arnette being duly sworn deposes and says:

1. That he is a citizen and resident of Berkeley County, South Carolina in the 1st Congressional District.
2. That he is the Coroner of Berkeley County, South Carolina.
3. That he and DeAnna Trout are the Berkeley County Co-Chairmen of the HIPP for Congress Committee.
4. That his signature appeared on a campaign letter on " HIPP for Congress " stationery which was distributed at the Berkeley County Republican Convention on April 8, 1993. That the use of his signature on that campaign piece was authorized.
5. That no time did he authorize his signature on, or even know of, the fraudulent campaign letter printed on " HIPP for Congress " stationery bearing his signature allegedly distributed at the 1st District Convention on April 26, 1993. That the fraudulent campaign letter told people signals would be given of when to stand, when to clap and when to shout for Van Hipp. Further, that such use of his name on this letter was a fraudulent misrepresentation.
6. That he was at the 1st District Convention on April 26, 1993, and he did not see anyone distributing the fraudulent campaign letter. Further, that the first time that he heard of or saw the letter was after the Convention.

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7. That he has known Van D. Hipp, Jr. for eight (8) years and knows him to be a man of integrity and outstanding moral character.

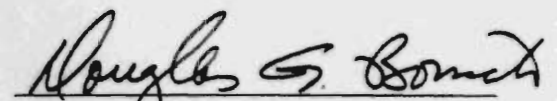
8. That Van D. Hipp, Jr. would not and did not print, distribute or authorize the fraudulent campaign letter allegedly distributed at the 1st District Republican Convention on Monday, April 26, 1993.

9. That he is informed and believes that the fraudulent campaign letter on " HIPP for Congress " stationery addressed to " Berkeley County HIPPsters " is a violation of 2 USC Section 441h regarding fraudulent misrepresentation of campaign authority.

10. That he is informed and believes that this matter should be fully investigated by the Federal Election Commission and the party(ies) responsible appropriately sanctioned.


WADE C. ARNETTE

SWORN to and subscribed before me
this 6th day of May, 1993.


Notary Public for South Carolina
My Commission Expires: 1/23/94

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
)
COUNTY OF DORCHESTER) **A F F I D A V I T**

Sheila Gallagher being duly sworn deposes and says:

1. That she is a citizen and resident of Dorchester County, South Carolina in the 1st Congressional District.
2. That she is a real estate agent for Prudential and has been for 5 years.
3. That she and Bill Whatley are the Dorchester County Co-Chairmen of the HIPP for Congress Committee.
4. That at no time did she authorize her signature on the fraudulent campaign letter printed on " HIPP for Congress " stationery and addressed to "Dorchester County HIPPsters" allegedly distributed at the 1st District Convention April 26, 1993.
5. That she knows Van D. Hipp, Jr. to be a man of integrity and outstanding moral character.
6. That Van D. Hipp, Jr. would not and did not print, distribute or authorize the fraudulent campaign letter allegedly distributed at the 1st District Republican Convention on April 26, 1993.
7. That she is informed and believes that the fraudulent campaign letter on " HIPP for Congress " stationery addressed to " Dorchester County HIPPsters " is a violation of 2 USC section 441h regarding fraudulent misrepresentation of campaign authority.

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8. That she is informed and believes that this matter should be fully investigated by the Federal Election Commission and party(ies) responsible appropriately sanctioned.

Sheila Gallagher
SHEILA GALLAGHER

Sworn to and subscribed before me
this 6th day of May, 1993.

Douglas G. Bonich
Notary Public for South Carolina
My Commission Expires : 1/23/94

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
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COUNTY OF DORCHESTER)

AFFIDAVIT

Bill Whatley being duly sworn deposes and says:

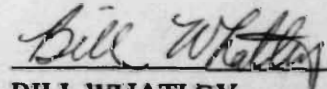
1. That he is a citizen and resident of Dorchester County, South Carolina, in the 1st Congressional District.
2. That he has been a Real Estate Broker since 1981, a Real Estate Appraiser since 1986 and a State Certified Real Estate Appraiser since 1992.
3. That he and Sheila Gallagher are the Dorchester County Co-Chairmen of the HIPP for Congress Committee.
4. That he authorized his signature on a campaign letter on "HIPP for Congress" stationery which was distributed at the Dorchester County Republican Convention on April 2, 1993.
5. That at no time did he authorize his signature on, or even know of, the fraudulent campaign letter printed on "HIPP for Congress" stationery and addressed to "Dorchester County HIPPsters" allegedly distributed at the 1st District Convention on April 26, 1993.
6. That he has known Van D. Hipp, Jr. for four (4) years and knows him to be a man of integrity, strong personal convictions, and moral character beyond reproach.

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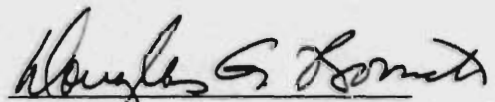
7. That Van D. Hipp, Jr. would not and did not print, distribute or authorize the fraudulent campaign letter allegedly distributed at the 1st District Republican Convention on April 26, 1993.

8. That he is informed and believes that the fraudulent campaign letter addressed to "Dorchester County HIPPsters" was designed and distributed to try to discredit Van D. Hipp, Jr., and the fact that he is the front runner in the 1st District congressional race. Further, that the said letter is a violation of 2 USC Section 441h regarding fraudulent misrepresentation of campaign authority.

9. That he is informed and believes that this matter should be fully investigated by the Federal Election Commission and the party(ies) responsible appropriately sanctioned.


BILL WHATLEY

SWORN to and subscribed before
me this 6th day of May, 1993.


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Dear Fellow Republican,

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Sam Applegate

Cheryll Woods-Flowers

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In 1989, Van was named by President Bush to serve as Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army, where he had overall responsibility for the management of the U.S. Army Reserve and U.S. Army National Guard as well as plans for personnel mobilization in the event of war. During Operation Desert Shield/Storm, he directed the bulk of America's largest mobilization of reserve forces since World War II. As a Captain in the Army Reserves, Van also served on active duty in Germany, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and Iraq for Operation Desert Storm.

In 1992, Van was named by Secretary of Defense Dick Cheney to be the Principal Deputy General Counsel of the Navy. After his stint at the Pentagon, Secretary Cheney said Van "made a difference in the daily lives of our service men and women the world over and played a part in keeping our nation strong and secure."

More recently, Van was the man who forced Independent Counsel Lawrence Walsh to reveal his expense records in his 7 year witch hunt into the Iran-Contra Affair.

Van Hipp is a strong conservative Republican, family man, and veteran. He has the right kind of background and experience our next Congressman must have. We urge you to join the growing number of grass roots conservatives who are saying, "Van is My Man."

Sincerely,

David B. Smith Al Tirrell

PO Box 702 Mt. Pleasant, South Carolina 29465

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TO: Berkeley County HIPPsters
RE: District Convention

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Let's band together to garner a credible image by keeping camp information in the camp. Everyone should have received their own letter; so please, you must properly dispose of this letter promptly after you finish reading. This letter is not for those who have not as of yet been installed. Please do not share this or any other planned technique with any of these people with whom you will inevitably talk.

Smile, it is your perceived enthusiasm that these people will see. As long as you smile they'll smile, and if you clap they'll clap. Van will still deliver the predetermined, boisterous speech, and we all must deliver a timely response to make those around us feel like we are saying, "Van is My Man."

Only with your continued help can we pull this off, again!

Sincerely,

DeAnna Trout

Wade C. Arnette

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somebody got
caught on.
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a little child
would do.

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TO: Dorchester County HIPPsters
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Sincerely,

Sheila Gallagher

Bill Whitley

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CAPITAL REPORT: Your watch on government

Earsay**Up to their
Hipp's in
dirty tricks**

Somebody's playing games in the 1st District congressional race.

Monday's GOP district convention was flooded with copies of letters from Van Hipp's Berkeley and Dorchester county campaign chairs to "HIPsters," informing them that "some applause signals have been changed" since the county conventions and directing them to "ask someone THAT YOU KNOW what the new signs are."

But the people whose names were computer-signed at the bottom insist they didn't write the letters, which were given to reporters by supporters of rival candidates Mendel Rivers Jr. and Bob Harrell.

The letters warn recipients to destroy them and conclude: "Only with your continued help can we pull this off, again!"

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REPORTER'S NOTEBOOK

Hipp, Hipp, hooray!

Nobody knows exactly who wrote a flier asking supporters of 1st Congressional District candidate Van Hipp to cheer on cue at the recent GOP district convention.

Hipp said it wasn't his campaign.

Wheeler Tillman, a lawyer and supporter of GOP rival Mendel Rivers Jr. who distributed the flier to local news media following the Monday convention, said he's not sure either.

The flier, written on Hipp's letterhead, said, "Per our last group discussion on audience participation, some applause signals have been changed. ... As in the county conventions, our cues must be used in a timely manner for a unified response. Ask someone that you know what the new signs are."

It also asks the reader to dispose of the flier, adding, "Let's band together to garner a credible image by keeping camp information in the camp. ... This letter is not for those who have not as of yet been installed."

"Smile, it is your perceived enthusiasm that these people will see. As long as you smile, they'll smile, and if you clap, they'll clap. Van will still deliver the predetermined, bolsterous speech, and we all must deliver a timely response to make those around us feel like we are saying, 'Van is My Man,'" it concludes.

Berkeley County Coroner Wade Arnette is one of two signatures on the bottom of the Berkeley County "HIPsters" flier, while Dorchester County Councilman Bill Whatley's name is on a similar Dorchester County flier.

Neither said they knew anything about it.

"That letter is ridiculous, you

can tell that. We did not put that letter out," Arnette said. "I think he's got some people worried, and they're taking pot shots."

"I think they're trying to discredit the Christian coalition. It's goofball politics," Whatley said.

Tillman said he was handed the fliers Monday night by two teen-age boys, and that Sarah King, who is working with Rivers' campaign, also found a copy in the bathroom at the Charles Towne Landing dome.

After Hipp called the flier a fake, Tillman said he had a professional analyze it. "It did, certainly in the minds of those who were discovering these letters, point the finger of suspicion at the Van Hipp campaign."

Tillman said he took the letter seriously because Hipp's remarks at the county and district conventions received what he considers suspiciously similar responses. "Just like slicing a piece of bread — boom, the whole crowd stands up. It was too much on cue to accept that as spontaneous."

Hipp said the fraudulent flier was negative, fraudulent and downright bizarre politics.

"I'm shocked that someone feels we're so far out in the lead so early that they've got to start doing this stuff," Hipp said. "It's the kind of stuff you would expect from someone running for third grade bathroom monitor. Somebody needs some adult supervision here."

Asked if he knew who printed the flier, Hipp said, "I'll let people draw their own conclusions. I'm going to take the high road in this thing."

Hipp did say, however, that he has asked the Federal Election Commission to investigate the source of the letter.

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20461

MAY 12, 1993

Van D. Hipp, Jr., Esq.
Hipp & Borsich
2138 Ashley Phosphate Rd., Suite 201
North Charleston, SC 29406

RE: MUR 3775

Dear Mr. Hipp:

This letter acknowledges receipt on May 10, 1993, of your complaint alleging possible violations of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended ("the Act"), by the Tillman Law Firm and Wheeler Tillman. 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 3775. 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,

Jonathan A. Bernstein
Jonathan A. Bernstein
Assistant General Counsel

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

MAY 12, 1993

Wheeler Tillman
Tillman Law Firm
8811 University Blvd.
North Charleston, SC 29406-9113

RE: MUR 3775

Dear Mr. Tillman:

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 3775. 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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Wheeler Tillman
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If you have any questions, please call (202) 219-3690 and ask to speak with a member of the Central Enforcement Docket (CED). 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

1. Complaint
2. Procedures
3. Designation of Counsel Statement

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

MAY 12, 1993

Brenda Watson, Managing Partner
Tillman Law Firm
8811 University Blvd.
North Charleston, SC 29406-9113

RE: MUR 3775

Dear Ms. Watson:

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Brenda Watson, Managing Partner
Tillman Law Firm
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Assistant General Counsel

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CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Jonathan A. Bernstein
Assistant General Counsel
Federal Election Commission
Washington, DC 20463

(MUR 3775)

Subject: FOI Request for Information

Dear Mr. Bernstein:

I have received your letter, dated May 12, 1993, addressed to me as follows:

Brenda Watson, Managing Partner
Tillman Law Firm
8811 University Boulevard
North Charleston, SC 29406-9113

I do not understand why I received this letter because no where in the enclosures to the letter do I find any reference to me. Why was my name selected to receive a letter? There is no specific complaint about me. Would you please answer this question for me?

Pursuant to the Federal Freedom of Information Act, please furnish me with any information (copies or records) which the FEC has as to the following questions:

- (1) Why was my name selected to receive an inquiry in this matter?
- (2) Who alleged that I am a "Managing Partner" in the Tillman Law Firm?

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Subject: FOI Request for Information


May 25, 1993
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I will be glad to pay the United States a reasonable amount as compensation for any copies of records necessary to honor this request. Please notify me as to the costs and I will forward a check, money order or cashier's check in the appropriate amount to the appropriate office.

I am not now, nor have I ever been, a "Managing Partner" with the Tillman Law Firm. I am not an employee with the Tillman Law Firm. I perform contracting services for the Tillman Law Firm. I have never attended a Republican Party County Convention anywhere in the United States. I have never attended a Republican Party Congressional District Convention anywhere in the United States. I have never read the stupid VAN HIPPIE letters until I received your inquiry. I have never faxed those letters, or copies of them, on any machine to anybody.

I request that these entire matters - your FEC inquiry to me any my FOI request to you be made public. Please forward this letter to the designated person for handling FOI requests.

With Warmest Regards,
I remain,


Brenda G. Watson

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GENERAL COUNSEL'S REPORT, DATED APRIL 5, 1994,
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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

June 6, 1994

Van D. Hipp, Jr., Esq.
Hipp & Borsich
2138 Ashley Phosphate Rd., Suite 201
North Charleston, SC 29406

RE: MUR 3775

Dear Mr. Hipp:

On May 10, 1993, the Federal Election Commission received your complaint alleging certain violations of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended ("the Act").

After considering the circumstances of this matter, the Commission has determined to exercise its prosecutorial discretion and to take no action against the respondents. See attached narrative. Accordingly, the Commission closed its file in this matter on June 3, 1994. 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

Mary L. Taksar
Attorney

Attachment
Narrative

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MUR 3775

TILLMAN LAW FIRM

The complainant, Van D. Hipp, Jr., alleges that an unnamed person engaged in fraudulent misrepresentation of campaign authority by producing unauthorized campaign materials which indicated that they had been paid for and authorized by Hipp for Congress. The materials at issue were letters produced on Hipp for Congress stationery and allegedly distributed at the 1st District Convention in South Carolina on April 26, 1993. The letters state that signals would be given in regard to when to stand, when to clap, and when to shout for Van Hipp at the 1st District Convention. Mr. Hipp states that the materials appear to have been distributed by someone at the Tillman law firm because the fraudulent letters were faxed from the law firm on April 26, 1993 while the 1st District Convention was in progress. Wheeler Tillman did not respond to the Commission's notification of the complaint.

This activity does not appear to have had a significant impact on the process and involved a limited amount of money and a less significant issue relative to other issues pending before the Commission.

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

June 6, 1994

Wheeler Tillman, Esq.
Tillman Law Firm
8811 University Blvd.
North Charleston, SC 29406-9113

RE: MUR 3775
Wheeler Tillman

Dear Mr. Tillman:

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After considering the circumstances of this matter, the Commission has determined to exercise its prosecutorial discretion and to take no action against you. See attached narrative. Accordingly, the Commission closed its file in this matter on June 3, 1994.

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.

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Wheeler Tillman, Esq.
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If you have any questions, please contact Joan McEnery at
(202) 219-3690.

Sincerely,

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North Charleston, SC 29406-9113

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Tillman Law Firm

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MUR 3775
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