

June 15, 1977

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RAY ROLLINSON FOR PRESIDENT

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RAY ROLLINSON FOR VICE PRESIDENT
Columbia, New Jersey 07832

Mr. William C. Oldaker, ✓
General Counsel
FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
1325 K Street N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20463

Dear Mr. Oldaker :

William

RE : MUR 400 (77)

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enclosures : your letter of June 13, 1977(MUR 400)
: my complaint of April 23, 1977 to FEC
: CBS letter refusing coverage
: Maryland letter of June 13, 1977
: Georgia letter of June 13, 1977

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Your CERTIFIED letter of June 13, 1977, in hand, tells me that the FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION does not consider former President Gerald Ford to be a Candidate for President in 1980 ; under the definition of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended ; and you cite the definition for my perusal. Thank you.

When it is apparent under the definition of a "candidate", that, in fact there is no doubt of his candidacy ; I will request that the FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION take further action on my complaint of April 23, 1977 ; and determine whether former President Gerald Ford and NBC (National Broadcasting Co. of New York City) have violated the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended.

I am making this communication public in order to further my campaign for Vice President, Democrat, in 1980. Please notice that I will not apply for matching federal funds, in the event that I reach the required monetary plateau. Also ; please be advised that I continue to take every step open to me to avail myself of Ballot Access in all of the presidential primary races in 1980, as I did in 1976. MEDIA RECOGNITION IS ESSENTIAL BY STATE LAWS TO GAIN BALLOT ACCESS. Thank you, again.

Sincerely,

Ray Rollinson

Ray Rollinson
Candidate # P60001252

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Candidate # P60001252, all campaign finances are a matter of public record. Write to :
FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION, 1325 K St. N.W.; Washington, D.C. 20463 for information.

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

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

June 13, 1977

Mr. Raymond Rollinson
Columbia
New Jersey 07832

Re: MUR 400 (77)

Dear Mr. Rollinson:

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(2) received contributions or made expenditures, or has given his consent for any other person to receive contributions or make expenditures, with a view to bringing about his nomination for election, or election, to such office;

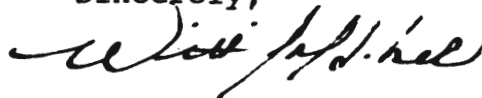


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The contract between former President Ford and NBC was negotiated after his election defeat and therefore did not conflict with the meaning of §431b of the Act.

Should you have any additional information which you believe supports your allegations, please feel free to contact me. For any future correspondence regarding this matter, refer to MUR 400 (77).

Sincerely,



William C. Oldaker
General Counsel

page two of two
June 13, 1977

from : Mr. William C. Oldaker,
General Counsel
FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

to : Mr. Ray Rollinson
RAY ROLLINSON FOR PRESIDENT
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Columbia, New Jersey 07832

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April 23, 1977

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
1325 K Street N.W.
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Gentlemen :

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I would still like you to give me an ADVISORY OPINION on this subject, and ask you to make a review of my several requests for one. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Ray Rollinson

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Presidential Candidate (Democrat) # P60001252 , Committee # C00040600

Ray Rollinson

Sworn and subscribed to before me this 23rd day of April A.D. 1977

Grace S. Thrush

NOTARY PUBLIC OF NEW JERSEY

My Comm. exp. 8/21/77

GRACE S. THRUSH

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OFFICE OF GENERAL COUNSEL

CBS NEWS

A Division of CBS Inc.
524 West 57 Street
New York, New York 10019
(212) 975-2988

Richard S. Salant, President

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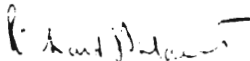
Dear Mr. Rollinson:

December 30, 1976

I have your letter of December 26 in which you ask "what CBS News gained in 1976 by denying the viewers of America the news of my victories in the Democratic party primaries for Vice President." The short answer is that what we gained is our souls as responsible journalists who must make our judgments on the basis of news and newsworthiness. Your "victories" in New Hampshire and West Virginia were hardly newsworthy in the sense that they had any significance whatever on the ultimate choice of the Democratic Vice Presidential candidate. Traditionally, it is the Presidential nominee who controls the choice of his running mate and as long as that is historical fact, running for the Vice Presidential nomination in primaries is, given the amount of time that is available to us on the air, lacking in significance, however quixotic it may be.

You mention New Hampshire, West Virginia and "ETC." What other states in which you were able to get on the ballot were encompassed in "ETC"?

Yours sincerely,



Mr. Jay Rollinson
Rollinson for Congress
Columbia, New Jersey 07832

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RAY ROLLINSON FOR VICE PRESIDENT
Columbia, New Jersey 07832

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FRED L. WINELAND
SECRETARY OF STATE

STATE OF MARYLAND
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND 21404

June 13, 1977

Ray Rollinson
Ray Rollinson for President
Columbia, New Jersey 07832

Dear Ray:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter addressed to the Governor concerning your petition in the 1980 Campaign for President and to further request to be placed on the ballot in Maryland as a Democratic candidate in the 1980 election.

Under the current law, there are two methods available to you to be placed on the ballot in our State. You may file a petition which contains 400 signatures from each congressional district with the State Administrator of Election Laws prior to the filing deadline for the 1980 election. The second way is if you receive enough national press coverage so that the Secretary of State in his discretion would consider you a viable candidate.

I would advise that you not proceed in either direction at this early date since the laws governing presidential primaries may change prior to 1980.

Yours truly,



H. Stafford Bullen, Jr.
Assistant Secretary of State

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Mr. H. Stafford Bullen, Jr.
Assistant Secretary of State,
STATE OF MARYLAND
Executive Department
Annapolis, Maryland 21404

Dear Mr. Bullen :

RE : Ballot Access for Ray Rollinson in 1980
as guaranteed by the United States Constitution.

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The other requirement, as an alternate, clearly is in violation of the United States Constitution. The requirement of 400 signatures from each congressional district, would mean that for 435 congressional districts in the 50 states, I would have to gather 174,000 signatures from every part of the United States. The concept alone is enough to stagger the imagination.

Your letter suggests that I do not proceed until perhaps Maryland changes their election laws. I thank you for your suggestion, Stafford, but practical campaign decisions will not allow a let-up in my campaign efforts to gain Ballot Access : because : the fact remains that the U. S. Constitution guarantees my right by Birth to run for either President, or Vice President.

Would you furnish me with the address of the Federal District Court which I should bring MARYLAND before, to seek relief in this urgent matter ? Thank you.

Sincerely,

Ray Rollinson

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Ben M. Horton, Jr.

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(404) 656-2881

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214 State Capitol

Atlanta

30334

ELECTIONS DIVISION

Frances S. Duncan

DIRECTOR

656-2671

June 13, 1977

Mr. Ray Rollinson
Ray Rollinson for President
Columbia, New Jersey 07832

Dear Mr. Rollinson:

Your letter addressed to Governor George Busbee concerning your desire to have your name placed on the Democratic Presidential Preference Primary Ballot in 1980 has been forwarded to me for reply.

A copy of the Law outlining the procedures for having your name placed on the 1980 Democratic Presidential Primary Ballot is enclosed herewith for your information. If the proper procedures are followed and notice of your desire to appear on the ballot is filed by the deadline prescribed in Section 34-1003A, I feel sure your name will be considered for placement on the ballot.

If I can be of further assistance to you, please let me know.

Sincerely yours,

Ben M. Horton, Jr.
Secretary of State

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FROM THE SECRETARY
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June 15, 1977

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Mr. Ben W. Fortson, Jr.
Secretary of State,
STATE OF GEORGIA
214 State Capitol
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

Dear Mr. Fortson :

RE : Ballot Access for Ray Rollinson in 1980
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It is quite apparent that GEORGIA is in defiance of the United States Constitution by enacting and then enforcing state laws that deny me, Ray Rollinson, of my rights by Birth to run for either President, or Vice President. GEORGIA denied me my rights in 1976, and I will avail myself of all steps to gain Ballot Access in GEORGIA in 1980.

Since my campaign requires an answer now (and not at the eleventh hour in 1980), I would appreciate your furnishing me with the address of the Federal District Court in GEORGIA which I should bring GEORGIA before, to seek relief in this urgent matter. Thank you, Ben.

Sincerely,

Ray Rollinson

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RAY ROLLINSON FOR PRESIDENT
Columbia, New Jersey 07832

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Columbia, New Jersey 07832

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Mr. William C. Oldaker,
General Counsel

FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
1325 K St. N.W.

Washington, D. C. 20463



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

1125 K STREET N.W.
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20461

June 21, 1977

CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Herbert Schlosser, President
National Broadcasting Company
30 Rockefeller Plaza
New York City, New York 10020

Re: MUR 400 (77)

Dear Mr. Schlosser:

I am forwarding the enclosed complaint pursuant to §437(a)(2) of the Federal Election Campaign Act for your information. As shown by the attached copy of my letter to the complainant, the Commission believes that on the basis of the information in the complaint there is no reason to believe that a violation of any statute within its jurisdiction has been committed. Accordingly, the Commission does not intend to investigate the matter any further.

Sincerely yours,

William C. Oldaker
General Counsel

Enclosure

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MUR 400 DeTo

PS Form 3811, Rev. 1976

● SENDER: Complete inside front and back.
Add your address in the "RETURN TO" space on reverse.

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Show to whom and date delivered..... 65¢
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Herbert Schlosser, Pres.
N.B.C.
NYC, NY

3. ARTICLE DESCRIPTION:
REGISTERED NO. CERTIFIED NO. INSURED NO.
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I have received the article described above.
SIGNATURE ☒ Addressee ☐ Authorized agent
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5. ADDRESS (Complete only if requested)

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

1325 K STREET N.W.
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June 21, 1977

CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

The Honorable Gerald Ford
c/o The President Ford Committee
P.O. Box 250
Alexandria, VA 22313

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Gerald Ford
c/o Pres. Ford Comm.
Alexandria, Va

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Columbia
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Should you have any additional information which you believe supports your allegations, please feel free to contact me. For any future correspondence regarding this matter, refer to MUR 400 (77).

Wm. H. Hall

OFFICE OF THE ARMY COUNCIL

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BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

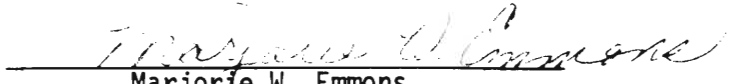
In the Matter of)
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Gerald Ford/NBC)

MUR 400 (77)

CERTIFICATION

I, Marjorie W. Emmons, Secretary to the Federal Election Commission, do hereby certify that on June 10, 1977, the Commission adopted the recommendation of the General Counsel that it finds no reason to believe that a violation of the Federal Election Campaign Act, as amended, had been committed in the above-captioned matter.

Accordingly, the file in this case has been closed.



Marjorie W. Emmons
Secretary to the Commission

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

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

June 10, 1977

MEMORANDUM TO: CHARLES STEELE
FROM: MARJORIE W. EMMONS
SUBJECT: MUR 400 (77)

MWE

The above-mentioned document was transmitted to the Commission on June 9, 1977 at 12:30.

As of 2:00 p.m., June 10, 1977, no objection has been received in the Office of Commission Secretary to the staff recommendations in MUR 400 (77).



OFFICE OF GENERAL COUNSEL

MEMORANDUM TO: Marjorie Hanson
FROM: Charles Steele
SUBJECT: MUR 400 ('77)

Please have the attached General Counsel's Report distributed to the Commission on a ²⁴hour no objection basis.

Thank you.

ln:6/8/77

CC Hunt

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
Washington, D. C.

48 HOUR GENERAL COUNSEL REPORT

MUR NO. 400 (77)

DATE AND TIME OF TRANSMITTAL
BY OGC TO THE COMMISSION

6-9-77

DATE COMPLAINT RECEIVED
BY OGC

ATTORNEY Maryann DeToro

Complainant's Name: Ray Rollinson

Respondent's Name: Gerald Ford/NBC

Relevant Statute: 2 U.S.C. 441a(f), 441b(a), 431b(1)

Internal Reports Checked: None Federal Agencies Checked None

SUMMARY OF ALLEGATION

Complaint alleges Gerald Ford knowingly accepted illegal campaign funds from NBC for the 1980 elections.

PRELIMINARY LEGAL ANALYSIS

The alleged \$1,000,000 contract between NBC and Gerald Ford was not in connection with any Federal Campaign since Gerald Ford was not a candidate at that time according to section 431b(1) of the Act. According to NBC in New York, the date of the press release of the news article stating the contract between Mr. Ford and NBC was January 31, 1977. The date the contract was signed is not public information.

RECOMMENDATION

No reason to believe any section of the Federal Election Commission Act has been violated. The complainant should be notified that review of the case has been terminated.

Date of Next Commission Review:

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FEDERAL ELECTION
COMMISSION

April 23, 1977

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Sworn and subscribed to before me this 23rd day of April A.D. 1977

Grace S. Thrush

NOTARY PUBLIC OF NEW JERSEY,

My Comm. exp. 8/21/77

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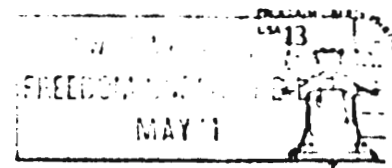
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COLUMBIA, NEW JERSEY 07832

FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

APR 25 AM 10:27



enclosed : FORMAL COMPLAINT

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Washington, D. C. 20463

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Re: MUR 400 (77)

Dear Mr. Rollinson:

This acknowledges receipt of your complaint dated April 23, 1977, alleging that former President Gerald Ford and NBC have violated the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended.

From the information that you have provided, the Commission has decided there is no reason to believe that a violation of the Act has occurred. For your information, 2 U.S.C. §431(b) defines a "candidate" as:

(b) an individual who seeks nomination for election, or election, to Federal office, whether or not such individual is elected, and, for purposes of this paragraph, an individual shall be deemed to seek nomination for election, or election, if he has ---

(1) taken the action necessary under the law of a State to qualify himself for nomination for election, or election, to Federal office; or

(2) received contributions or made expenditures, or has given his consent for any other person to receive contributions or make expenditures, with a view to bringing about his nomination for election, or election, to such office:



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Should you have any additional information which you believe supports your allegations, please feel free to contact me. For any future correspondence regarding this matter, refer to MUR 400 (77).

William C. Oldaker
General Counsel

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May 22, 1977
ray rollinson
ray rollinson for president

I am running for President (not Vice President) :
in states that have no Vice Presidential primary.

RAY ROLLINSON FOR VICE PRESIDENT
Columbia, New Jersey 07832

re : I have not as yet received a response to my formal complaints against
Presidential candidate (de-facto) Gerald Ford, and NBC that I mailed
to the FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION on April 23, 1977

Commissioner Vernon W. Thomson, Chairman
FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
1325 K Street, N. W. Washington, D.C. 20463

Dear Commissioner Thomson :

Vernon

Perhaps my complaints, notarized, etc. of April 23, 1977 have been "lost"
in the blizzard of mail that the FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION receives. If so,
please regard this letter as the "starting time" that the Law demands for a
response to a candidate's request for a response to a formal complaint, or
for a response to a candidate's request for an ADVISORY OPINION.

Please peruse the copy of my double complaint and request for an ADVISORY
OPINION combined in my letter to the FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION : copy
attached, dated April 23, 1977.

I am sorry that I had to bring this to your attention, Vernon, but factual
cases at hand, and the proper Legal conduct of my campaign demands a response.

Please give this your personal attention to avoid any other "slip-ups".

Thank you.

Please also be advised here-with these three things.

- one I am making this letter public in the hopes of having publicity given.
- two When I reach the plateau of \$100,000 established to achieve both matching-
Federal Funds and Secret Service protection : I will not apply for these
Federal Matching-Funds , ERGO : please advise the necessary public servants
involved with these matters to "PROVIDE RAY ROLLINSON, CANDIDATE and his family
P60001252 with Secret Service protection at once."
- three A copy of this letter is being sent to Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey,
who advised me that he was looking into the matter of why my requests for
Secret Service protection have not been responded to for over twenty months.

Thank you again. .

Sincerely,

Ray Rollinson

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ENCLOSURE, as noted in the text

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Columbia, New Jersey 07832
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April 23, 1977

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Gentlemen :

Please address yourselves to the two formal complaints identified above. Please include into your deliberations all of the correspondence between your Assistant General Counsel, N. Bradley Litchfield, and myself on/and/about this \$1,000,000.00 (no-performance- of-value-type-contract). This correspondence was in the form of several repeat request for an ADVISORY OPINION (by the Presidential Candidate, myself; and by the Treasurer of the Committee, myself.) Please note that it took from March 27, 1977, the date of my original request for an ADVISORY OPINION, until today to be informed by the FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION of the proper action to take on my part to attempt to seek relief, and submit this double complaint to you.

I would still like you to give me an ADVISORY OPINION on this subject, and ask you to make a review of my several requests for one. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Ray Rollinson

Ray Rollinson

Presidential Candidate (Democrat) # P60001252 , Committee # C00040600

Sworn and subscribed to before me this 23rd day of April A.D. 1977

Grace S. Thrush

NOTARY PUBLIC OF NEW JERSEY.

My Comm. exp. 8/21/77

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May 15, 1977

re : Secret Service protection for Candidate # P60001252

ray rollinson

RAY ROLLINSON FOR PRESIDENT (in states without Vice Presidential primaries)

RAY ROLLINSON FOR VICE PRESIDENT

Columbia, New Jersey 07832

Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey

Deputy President Pro-Tem

UNITED STATES SENATE

Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Vice President Humphrey :

Hubert ,

I have your letter of May 4, 1977 in hand. Thank you for looking into the availability of Secret Service protection for me and my family.

IMPORTANT

When (if) I reach the monetary plateau as set by law, that would then allow issuance of Federal-Matching Funds, I WILL NOT APPLY FOR THESE FUNDS. ✓

When I receive the endorsement of the Democratic Party in Convention to be their nominee, I will make a further decision and announcement regarding Federal-Matching Funds.

Thank you for this extraordinary help of yours in getting an answer for me regarding my formal request for Secret Service protection.

Sincerely,

Ray Rollinson

Ray Rollinson

Declared Democratic Candidate for Vice President in 1960

enclosure : your letter of May 4, 1977

copies to those who might have an immediate interest in the fact that I
will not be applying for Federal-Matching Funds before the Convention.

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1325 K Street, N.W.
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Mr. J. S. Kimmitt, Secretary of the Senate Ex Officio
Mr. Edmund L. Henshaw, Jr., Clerk of The House
Ex Officio (both) FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

Senator George McGovern, South Dakota, UNITED STATES SENATE, Washington, D.C.

Senator Daniel K. Inouye, Hawaii, UNITED STATES SENATE, Washington, D.C. 20510

Mr. Richard R. Shinn, President, METROPOLITAN LIFE INSURANCE CO. N.Y., N.Y.

(please cancel my request for a loan, thank you.)

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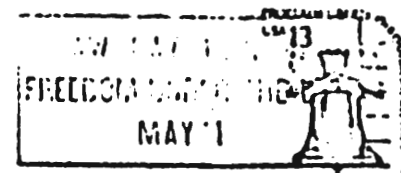
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