



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

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

AUG 2 1977

Mr. Robert Luellen
Box 513
1521 Castle Hill Drive
New Castle, Indiana 47362

Re: MUR 424 (77)

Dear Mr. Luellen:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your complaint dated July 16, 1977, alleging certain violations of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended. The Commission has reviewed your allegations and has concluded that on the basis of the information provided in your complaint that there is no reason to believe that a violation of the Act has been committed.

Section 100.1 of the Regulations defines the scope of the Federal Election Campaign Act as applicable to the campaigns for the nomination or election to the offices of President or Vice President of the United States; United States Senator; and Representative, Delegate, or Resident Commissioner of the Congress of the United States. Therefore, local level party elections or meetings are not under the Commission's jurisdiction.

In regards to your allegations of "interference" with your candidacy for Congress in 1978, there is no specific information in your complaint describing how such alleged "interference" violates the Act. Accordingly, upon my recommendation, the Commission has decided to close the file in this matter.

Sincerely,

William C. Oldaker
General Counsel

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GOP 10th District Committee
c/o Mr. Paul Boltz, Chairman
American National Bank Building
110 East Main Street
Muncie, Indiana 47305

Dear Mr. Boltz:

Re: MUR 424 (77)

I am forwarding the enclosed complaint pursuant to Section 437g(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,

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General Counsel

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BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

In the Matter of)
)
GOP 10th District Committee)

MUR 424 (77)

CERTIFICATION

I, Marjorie W. Emmons, Secretary to the Federal Election Commission, do hereby certify that on August 1, 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

Marjorie W. Emmons
Secretary to the Commission

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August 1, 1977

MEMORANDUM TO: CHARLES STEELE
FROM: MARJORIE W. EMMONS *mwe*
SUBJECT: MUR 424 (77) - 48 Hour General Counsel Report

The above-mentioned document was transmitted to the Commissioners on July 29, 1977 at 12:30.

As of 4:00 p.m., August 1, 1977, no objections have been received to the staff recommendations that no reason to believe ~~had been~~ *be* found, that the letters be sent and the file closed.

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July 29, 1977

MEMORANDUM TO: Marjorie Emons
FROM: Elissa T. Garr
SUBJECT: MUR 424 (77)

Please distribute the attached 48 hour report on
MUR 424 (77) on a 24 hour no-objection basis.

Thank you.

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Washington, D. C.

48 HOUR GENERAL COUNSEL REPORT

MUR NO. 424(77)

DATE AND TIME OF TRANSMITTAL
BY OGC TO THE COMMISSION

7-29-77

12:30 pm

DATE COMPLAINT RECEIVED
BY OGC July 19, 1977

ATTORNEY Thedford

SIGNATURE [Signature]

Complainant's Name: Robert Luellen

Respondent's Name: GOP 10th District Committee

Relevant Statute: 2 U.S.C. §431 and §100.1 of the Regulations

Internal Reports Checked: NONE

Federal Agencies Checked NONE

SUMMARY OF ALLEGATION

Mr. Luellen alleges that he was prohibited from attending a closed meeting of the GOP 10th District Committee on July 11, 1977. The meeting, announced in a local newspaper, was held for the purpose "of influencing and election" of the Chairman of the Republican State Committee. Mr. Luellen also alleges interference with his candidacy for State Chairman and Congress in 1978. The complainant provided copies of other complaints which he sent to the Chief Deputy of the Indiana Attorney General's Office, the Department of Justice, and the Indianapolis Mayor's Office.

PRELIMINARY LEGAL ANALYSIS

It appears that the Commission has no jurisdiction over the allegations in the complaint. Under §431 of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended, the Act is applicable to the campaigns for nomination or election to the offices of President and the Vice President of the United States; United States Senator; and Representative, Delegate, or Resident Commissioner of the Congress of the United States.

The denial of Mr. Luellen's entry to a meeting of Republican district committee is, clearly, not within the scope of the Act. In regard to the complainant's other charge of interference with his candidacy for State Chairman, under §431 of the Act and §100.1 of the Regulations, the Act is clearly inapplicable to the selection of state political party officers.

Mr. Luellen also alleges interference with his candidacy for the Congress in 1978. However, such "interference" is not specifically described in the complaint.

RECOMMENDATION

Do not find reason to believe, send the attached letters, and close the file.

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Date of Next Commission Review:



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July 21, 1977

Mr. Robert J. Luellen
Box 513
1521 Castle Hills Drive
New Castle, Indiana

Dear Mr. Luellen:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your complaint of July 16, 1977, alleging violations of the Federal Election Campaign Laws. A staff member has been assigned to analyze your allegations and a recommendation to the Federal Election Commission as to how this matter should be handled will be made shortly. You will be notified as soon as the Commission determines what action should be taken. For your information, we have attached a brief description of the Commission's preliminary procedures for the handling of complaints.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "William C. Oldaker".

William C. Oldaker
General Counsel

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Indianapolis, Indiana 46204 Dear Sirs: I am enclosing

The point being (1) that Bruce D. Melchert, 42, is deputy mayor of Indianapolis and helped with Mudnut's campaign over Robert V. Wyck in 1978 and this is all the advice he has. Gordon K. Darnil, 41, Indianapolis attorney, a long time organizer at both the state and local levels. Where does he get his points? He holds no office or other rating, and this ambiguous rating has been built to a place where it is supposed to be significant. Was he rated in any other way in which it was to be? I don't want another contest of proton, for in matters of efficiency and productivity this is very poor rating. I have ran against the governor's man before and his ignorance of procedure and law matters, is bliss to them for they have so much to do. What it finally lead to was all of their people who worked for this cause and who disappeared for their crime of ignorance against humanity for not knowing what when the cause was lost. I don't appreciate the governor running the movies, especially when the time comes to point out that this person lacks this or that in an election or office, so results in indignation of that candidate. It is only to discover that he is as much as criminal as any rape or murder for his failure to comply or his total neglect of the procedure. When he has perhaps surrendered his North Carolina office and is now in the office of a charity to accomplish the deed for this total neglect of the people or countless people for office, for such a person to be back there as he is before it is over. Describing a criminal incident when he is one of his people will soon be becoming the lieutenant he has become.

There does this leave party parties to-day? It does not leave even a
criminal when he is not charged with the crime. But it does leave
Hooper, for his own children are coming up online, and here is where the
line is established. We can not do that. We can not do that.
and then. We can not do that. We can not do that. We can not do that.
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In other words, for Hooper and his children to be a part of the

...there will be a crisis, and a revolution again. But in this country the people are not
...all guilty, and the political man is innocent until shown otherwise.
Moreover, we do not lack of criminal charges above a good sense and a
clear mind and a clear conscience. But into the fact that the person in the
...the people of this does not mean that all sorts of candidates for
...the nation, this coverage of some of the paragraphs cover the
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I want to know how I can qualify for traveling funds in a great amount. I am 1970, I am certified for Conres. twice in 1974 and 1978 and on the 1978, I am acknowledged in a contest as in the top 30 percent in the world.

Please me of undeposited copies of the original

Box 113
New Castle, Indiana 47371
July 12, 1977

Richard C. Johnson
Chief Deputy
State of Indiana
119 State House
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

Dear Richard Johnson:

While the Attorney General's office does not defend the rules of the Republican Party, nor enforce them, I have tried to prevail upon the Attorney General of Indiana, that the Governor's office is involved in the violation of federal and state election laws. Coercion and promise, or influence, in interfering with an election are all violations of election laws. In this case the election is that of State Chairman of Indiana for the Republican Party. These violations practiced by Chairman of 10th District Boltz of Muncie, Indiana, plain and simply involve the selection committee for State Chairman, since the governor is the chairman and permits the selection committee to hold open and closed meetings in New Castle and Richmond and the race of the 10th District. I know for I was refused admittance by S. Robert Kirby, Chairman of County 2, and the meeting was closed. Closed meeting for the sake of a Republican election is criminal conspiracy, as was published on page one of the Indianapolis Times that the panel was meeting for the sake of, "to discuss topics of chairman election by GOP worth discussion or nomination," and then a criminal conspiracy is clearly criminal conspiracy among the chairman, the vice chairman and Vice Chairman are to be to Committee who elect the new State Chairman, it is no other.

I have informed Attorney General Bell of this action of 10th District of Indiana in elective process by undue influencing, and the Justice Department in Indiana. I contacted the New Castle police department of closed meeting of GOP and Indiana police department of closed meeting at that for the late hour a record was kept for the attorney general the next day. Holiday Inn was the location in New Castle, and Richmond has been the location.

Rule 2 Republican Party Central committee does not permit closed meeting, for no member in good standing may be kept from any meeting of the party, and all of committee people responsible for this violation. This is civil action, court when brought before the court, in Indiana.

I implicate the governor's office in this closed meeting violation, and to be charged with justice department.

Copy: Justice Dept. in
Washington, D. C. 20530

Very truly

Robert W. Johnson
Candidate for President 1976, 1980, 1984
Candidate for State Chairman 1976
Candidate for Congress 1974, 1978 and 1982

Copy: Mayor's Office
New Castle, Ind

This is a true copy of original

COURIER-TIMES
NEW CASTLE, IND.
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7704073123 GOP 10th District Meeting Tonight

State chairman selection is expected to be among topics discussed tonight at a dinner meeting of the GOP Tenth District organization at the New Castle Holiday Inn.

Seven to eight persons have been interviewed and the 17-member screening committee will make a recommendation Friday of person or persons to the State GOP Central Committee. Actual selection is scheduled July 20.

State Sen. Martin K. Edwards, Senate minority leader of New Castle, and Opal Lord, vice chairman of the party's Blackford County and Tenth District organizations, are two members of the screening panel.

Leaders for the position reportedly are Paul Green, Zionsville, 6th District and Boone County chairman; Bruce Melchert, a deputy to Indianapolis Mayor William Hudnut, and Gordon Durnil, also of Indianapolis.

Robert Luellen of New Castle was among candidates interviewed. Luellen today participated on a talk show with candidates over Richmond radio station WABV.

CLOCKED NEWS
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of Republican
National Committee
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An exact copy of the original article.

Robert Luellen
July 16, 1977

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