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RE: MUR 4648
New York Republican Federal Campaign
Committee and Lewis B. Stone, as treasurer;
Jeffrey T. Buley; David R. Dudley; Mary F.
Obwald; Gregory V. Serio; and Luther
Mook

Dear Mr. Ginsberg:

This Office is in receipt of the response submitted on behalf of your clients in the above-captioned matter to the Commission's reason to believe findings, and their responses to the Commission's Subpoenas and Orders in this matter. Having reviewed the submissions, this Office believes that certain information is outstanding which should have been produced.

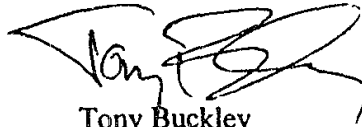
First and foremost, in its response to the Commission's Subpoena and Order, the New York Republican Federal Campaign Committee ("NYRFCC") states that a list of volunteers which is responsive to question 8 is being withheld pending "the granting of a protective order by the Commission." The Instructions to the Subpoena and Order state that the person making a claim of privilege with respect to any document, must specify in detail all the grounds on which it rests. Absent any such claim of privilege (and there appears to be none), the document should be produced.

The response of the NYRFCC further states that "[a]ll the responsive documents are attached to this response." Our review suggests that certain documents which the NYRFCC should reasonably be expected to have in its possession, or available to it, have not been produced. Specifically, the definition of "documents" contained in the Subpoena and Order includes "checks." The checks issued to Jeffrey T. Buley, David R. Dudley, Mary F. Obwald, Gregory V. Serio, Luther Mook and the Kings County Republican Committee, qualify as documents which should be produced. In addition, any bank statements which reflect these checks should also be produced.

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Please produce the above-described documents no later than the close of business on September 5, 1997. If you have any questions, please contact me at (202) 219-3690.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tony Buckley', with a stylized flourish extending from the end.

Tony Buckley
Attorney