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**MEMORANDUM**

**SENSITIVE**

TO: The Commission

FROM: Lawrence M. Noble  
General Counsel

BY: Lois G. Lerner *LL*  
Associate General Counsel

SUBJECT: MUR 4674  
Recommendation to Sever

MUR 4674 was generated by a complaint from the New Jersey Public Interest Research Group Citizen Lobby and the Public Interest Law Center of New Jersey, alleging that both the New Jersey Republican State Committee and the New Jersey Democratic State Committee had, in different ways, miscalculated the ratios used to allocate their administrative and generic voter drive expenses for shared federal and nonfederal activity during 1996. This Office activated this matter on January 15, 1998, as well as RAD referral 97L-21, involving possible excessive transfers of funds between nonfederal and federal accounts during 1996 by the New Jersey Democratic State Committee. In order to efficiently handle the portion of MUR 4674 involving the New Jersey Democratic State Committee together with RAD referral 97L-21, and separately handle the portion of MUR 4674 involving the New Jersey Republican State Committee, this Office recommends that the Commission sever the latter into a separate MUR. This Office will notify the New Jersey Republican State Committee after the Commission votes on reason to believe.

**RECOMMENDATION**

Open a MUR comprising the activity of the New Jersey Republican State Committee and H. George Buckwald, as Treasurer.

Staff Assigned: Susan L. Lebeaux