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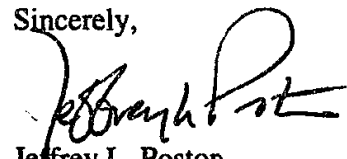
Re: **MUR4941 Friends For Harry Reid and Clifford R. Beadle, as  
Treasurer**

Dear Jim:

Pursuant to your request, I enclose the Declaration of William Marion relating to the above-referenced matter. In addition, I request that the parties enter into pre-probable cause conciliation.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss this matter further, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

  
Jeffrey L. Poston

Enclosure

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**BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION**

In the Matter of

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Clifford R. Beadle, as Treasurer  
Friends for Harry Reid  
116 Princeton Street  
Las Vegas, NV 89107

**DECLARATION OF WILLIAM MARION**

I, William Marion, declare as follows:

1. I am the President of Marion Associates Consulting, Inc. located at 6655 West Sahara Avenue, Suite B200, Las Vegas, Nevada, 89146. I am submitting this declaration in connection with MUR 4941 involving the Friends for Harry Reid Committee.

2. During the 1998 general election, I served as a fundraiser for the Friends for Harry Reid Committee, the principal campaign organization involved in the reelection of Senator Harry Reid to the United States Senate.

3. It is my best recollection that Senator Reid wrote out a check for \$100,000.00 on October 15, 1998 and gave it to me. I am uncertain as to where we were when he gave me the check. I think, however, that we were either in a hotel at a campaign function or possibly in my office in Las Vegas.


4. I then turned over the check to Janice Miller in the Campaign Treasurer's Office. It is my best recollection that I turned it over almost immediately on October 15, 1998.

5. I have reviewed a letter signed by Janice Miller to Lisa Simpson of the Federal Election Commission dated July 1, 1999. I am aware that Ms. Miller suggests that we had a conversation sometime prior to July 1, 1999 regarding the loan to the Reid Committee. I have no recollection of ever discussing this issue with Janice Miller at that time or at any other time.

6. I am also aware that Ms. Miller's letter suggests that I received the check sometime before October 15, 1998 and kept it in my possession for a period of time before turning it over. As stated above, that is not my recollection. My recollection is that I received it and turned it over on the same day. When I reviewed Ms. Miller's letter, however, it made me question my memory. As a result, in the Answer to the Interrogatories I stated that it was my recollection that I had received the check on October 15, 1998, but based on Ms. Miller's letter I thought it was possible that I had received it the evening before. My best recollection, however, is that I received it on October 15, 1998 and turned it over on that day.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and accurate.

Dated: March 1, 2000

  
William Marion