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September 22, 2000

Mr. Darryl R. Wold
Chairman
Federal Election Commission
999 E Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20463

Re: MUR 5081

Dear Mr. Wold:

I have been retained to represent Patrick J. Buchanan in connection with MUR 5081. A Statement of Designation of Counsel is enclosed. Although the cover letter to the Complaint is dated September 1, 2000, Mr. Buchanan did not receive the Complaint in this matter until September 13, 2000.

The Complaint requests that "the Commission not certify Patrick J. Buchanan and Ezola Foster as the recipients of the general election funds pursuant to 26 U.S.C. § 9005." Since the Commission certified the funds to Mr. Buchanan and Ms. Foster on September 14, 2000, the Complaint is moot.

The Complaint also requests that the submission be considered "for other legally permissible purposes." Such a broad statement does not meet the requirements of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended, 2 U.S.C. § 437g(c), that the Complaint allege a specific violation of the Act.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

John J. Duffy

cc: Donald E. Campbell, Esq.
Ms. Angela M. Buchanan

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STATEMENT OF DESIGNATION OF COUNSEL

MUR 5081

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The above-named individual is hereby designated as my counsel and is authorized to receive any notifications and other communications from the Commission and to act on my behalf before the Commission.

Apr 22/00
Date

Patrick J. Buchanan
Signature

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