

BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

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In the Matter of )  
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Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence ) MUR 5158  
f/k/a/ Handgun Control, Inc.; )  
Brady Voter Education Fund f/k/a/ )  
Handgun Control Voter Education Fund )  
and Mark A. Ingram, as treasurer; )  
James S. Brady; )  
Sarah Brady; )  
Gore/Lieberman, Inc. and Jose )  
Villarreal, as treasurer; )  
Stabenow for U.S. Senate and Angela M. )  
Autera, as treasurer; )  
Bill Nelson for U.S. Senate and Peggy )  
Gagnon, as treasurer; )  
Carnahan for Senate Committee and )  
Lisa L. Lindsey, as treasurer; )  
Robb for Senate and Thomas J. Lehner, )  
as treasurer; )  
Handguncontrol.org; )  
Ashcroftandguns.com; )  
Allenandguns.com; )  
Bushandguns.com; )  
Mccollumandguns.com )

CERTIFICATION

I, Darlene Harris, recording secretary for the Federal Election Commission executive session on November 4, 2003, do hereby certify that the Commission decided by a vote of 4-0 to take the following actions with respect to MUR 5158:

1. Find reason to believe that the Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence violated 2 U.S.C. § 441b in connection with the press conference with Bill Nelson.

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2. Find reason to believe that Bill Nelson for U.S. Senate and Peggy Gagnon, as treasurer, violated 2 U.S.C. §§ 441b and 434(b) in connection with the press conference with the Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence.
3. Take no action at this time with respect to finding reason to believe that the Brady Voter Education Fund and Mark A. Ingram, as treasurer, violated 2 U.S.C. § 441d in connection with the anti-McCollum television advertisement.
4. Find reason to believe that the Brady Voter Education Fund and Mark A. Ingram, as treasurer, violated 2 U.S.C. § 441d in connection with the anti-McCollum website.
5. Take no action against www.mccollumandguns.com.
6. Take no action at this time with respect to finding reason to believe that the Brady Voter Education Fund and Mark A. Ingram, as treasurer, violated 2 U.S.C. §§ 441a(a)(2)(A) and 434(b) by coordinating expenditures with Bill Nelson for U.S. Senate and Peggy Gagnon, as treasurer.
7. Take no action at this time with respect to finding reason to believe that Bill Nelson for U.S. Senate and Peggy Gagnon, as treasurer, violated 2 U.S.C. §§ 441a(f) and 434(b) by coordinating expenditures with the Brady Voter Education Fund and Mark A. Ingram, as treasurer.
8. Find reason to believe that the Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence violated 2 U.S.C. § 441b in connection with the press conference with Charles Robb.

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9. Find reason to believe that Robb for Senate and Thomas J. Lehner, as treasurer, violated 2 U.S.C. §§ 441b and 434(b) in connection with the press conference with the Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence.
10. Take no action at this time with respect to finding reason to believe that the Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence violated 2 U.S.C. § 441b by coordinating expenditures with Robb for Senate and Thomas J. Lehner, as treasurer.
11. Take no action at this time with respect to finding reason to believe that Robb for Senate and Thomas J. Lehner, as treasurer, violated 2 U.S.C. §§ 441b and 434(b) by coordinating expenditures with the Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence.
12. Take no action against www.allenandguns.com.
13. Find reason to believe that the Brady Voter Education Fund and Mark A. Ingram, as treasurer, violated 2 U.S.C. § 441d in connection with the anti-Ashcroft television advertisement.
14. Find reason to believe that the Brady Voter Education Fund and Mark A. Ingram, as treasurer, violated 2 U.S.C. § 441d in connection with the anti-Ashcroft website.
15. Take no action against www.ashcroftandguns.com.
16. Find no reason to believe that the Brady Voter Education Fund and Mark A. Ingram, as treasurer, violated 2 U.S.C. §§ 441a(a)(2)(A) or 434(b) by coordinating expenditures with Carnahan for Senate Committee and Lisa L. Lindsey, as treasurer.

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17. Find no reason to believe that Carnahan for Senate Committee and Lisa L. Lindsey, as treasurer, violated 2 U.S.C. §§ 441a(f) or 434(b) by coordinating expenditures with the Brady Voter Education Fund and Mark A. Ingram, as treasurer.
  18. Find no reason to believe that Gore/Lieberman, Inc. and Jose Villarreal, as treasurer, violated 2 U.S.C. § 441b or 26 U.S.C. § 9012(b) in connection with the anti-Bush television advertisement and website.
  19. Take no action at this time with respect to finding no reason to believe that the Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence violated 2 U.S.C. § 441b in connection with the anti-Bush television advertisement and website.
  20. Take no action against www.bushandguns.com.
  21. Find reason to believe that the Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence violated 2 U.S.C. §§ 441b, 441d, and 434(c) in connection with the pop-up web page that advocated the defeat of George Bush.
  22. Take no action at this time with respect to finding reason to believe that the Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence violated 2 U.S.C. §§ 441b, 441d, and 434(c) in connection with the "Dangerous Dozen" web page.
  23. Take no action at this time against Bill Nelson for U.S. Senate and Peggy Gagnon, as treasurer, with respect to the "Dangerous Dozen" web page.

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24. Take no action at this time against Robb for Senate and Thomas J. Lehner, as treasurer, with respect to the "Dangerous Dozen" web page.
  25. Find no reason to believe that Gore/Lieberman, Inc. and Jose Villarreal, as treasurer, violated 2 U.S.C. §§ 441b or 434(b) in connection with the "Dangerous Dozen" web page.
  26. Find no reason to believe that Stabenow for U.S. Senate and Angela M. Autera, as treasurer, violated 2 U.S.C. §§ 441b or 434(b) in connection with the "Dangerous Dozen" web page.
  27. Find no reason to believe that Carnahan for Senate Committee and Lisa L. Lindsey, as treasurer, violated 2 U.S.C. §§ 441b or 434(b) in connection with the "Dangerous Dozen" web page.
  28. Close the file as it pertains to Gore/Lieberman, Inc. and Jose Villarreal, as treasurer; Stabenow for U.S. Senate and Angela M. Autera, as treasurer; and Carnahan for Senate Committee and Lisa L. Lindsey, as treasurer.
  29. Find reason to believe that the Brady Voter Education Fund and Mark A. Ingram, as treasurer, violated 2 U.S.C. § 434(b) by not properly reporting addresses of contributors.
  30. Take no action at this time with respect to Sarah and James Brady.
  31. Approve the appropriate factual and legal analyses.

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32. Approve the use of compulsory process in this matter, including the issuance of appropriate subpoenas and interrogatories to the Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence, the Brady Voter Education Fund, Bill Nelson for U.S. Senate Committee, and Robb for Senate Committee, and the issuance of additional interrogatories, document subpoenas, and deposition subpoenas, as necessary.

33. Approve the appropriate letters.

Commissioners Mason, McDonald, Smith, and Thomas voted affirmatively for the decision.

Commissioner Toner recused himself with respect to this matter; he was not present and did not vote.

Commissioner Weintraub recused herself with respect to this matter; she was not present and did not vote.

Attest:

November 6, 2003  
Date

Darlene Harris  
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Deputy Secretary of  
the Commission

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