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Mr. Michael E. Toner, Chairman
Federal Election Commission
999 E Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20463

Dear Mr. Toner:

This is in response to your letter of March 14, 2006, regarding MUR 5571. I did not knowingly or willfully violate 2 U.S.C. Sec 441a(a)(1)(A).

On October 7, 2004, the candidate, Dalton Tanonaka, asked my wife, Sandra Okihara (Mr. Tanonaka's sister), for a personal loan of \$25,000. This was discussed with me and we agreed to loan him \$25,000 on a personal loan basis with full understanding of being repaid. This was never intended to be a campaign contribution.

My signature appears on the loan check, but please note that it is a joint account with my wife.

I sincerely believe that Mr. Tanonaka would not have intentionally asked us to violate Federal Election Commission rules with his request. And if he did, I would certainly not have complied.

Very truly yours,



Burt H. Okihara

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