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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

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Peter T. Flaherty
National Legal and Policy Center
107 Park Washington Court
Falls Church, Virginia 22046

RE: MUR 5642
George Soros

Dear Mr. Flaherty:

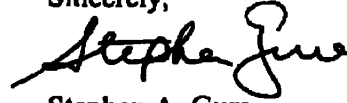
The Federal Election Commission has considered the allegations contained in your complaint dated January 18, 2005. On April 18, 2006, the Commission found, on the basis of the information in the complaint, and information provided by respondents, that there is no reason to believe that respondents Columbus Metropolitan Club, World Affairs Council of Philadelphia, David Fenton, and Fenton Communications violated the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended, ("the Act") or the Commission's regulations in MUR 5642.

On April 18, 2006 and October 10, 2007, respectively, the Commission found that there was reason to believe and probable cause to believe that George Soros violated 2 U.S.C. § 434(c) and 11 C.F.R. § 109.10, provisions of the Act and the Commission's regulations. On November 18, 2008, however, the Commission was equally divided, on whether to authorize the Office of General Counsel to file suit against Mr. Soros. Accordingly, the Commission closed the file in this matter. A Statement of Reasons providing a basis for the Commission's decision will follow.

Documents related to the case will be placed on the public record within 30 days. See Statement of Policy Regarding Disclosure of Closed Enforcement and Related Files, 68 Fed. Reg. 70,426 (Dec. 18, 2003).

The Federal Election Campaign Act allows a complainant to seek judicial review of the Commission's dismissal of this action. See 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(8). If you have any questions, please contact Tracey L. Ligon, the attorney assigned to this matter, at (202) 694-1650.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Stephen A. Gura". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Stephen" and last name "Gura" clearly distinguishable.

Stephen A. Gura
Deputy Associate General Counsel
for Enforcement

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