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4 AUG 1976

Ms. Josephine Chapman
259 E. Huron River Drive
Belleville, Michigan 48111

Re: MUR 088 (76)

Dear Ms. Chapman:

This letter is in response to yours of February 12, 1976. I have reviewed the facts set forth in your letter and have concluded that the information set forth does not give rise to a substantial violation under the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended. Accordingly, upon my recommendation, the Commission has decided to close its file in this matter.

Should additional information come to your attention which you believe to be within the jurisdiction of the Commission, please feel free to inform me. The attorney assigned to this case was Victor Sterling (Telephone No. 202-382-4055).

Sincerely yours,

Signed: John G. Murphy, Jr.

John G. Murphy, Jr.
General Counsel

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Mr. Thomas J. Anderson
National Chairman
The American Party
P. O. Box 1568
Washington, D.C. 20013

Re: MUR 088 (76)

Dear Mr. Anderson:

This letter is to inform you that having completed its preliminary inquiry into the above-numbered matter, the Federal Election Commission has determined to close its files and proceed no further.

Having reviewed your letter of July 1, 1976, the Commission is of the view that Ms. Chapman's allegations regarding the misleading nature of your solicitation and her unreported status as Treasurer of The American Party do not establish reason to believe that a violation of the Federal Election Campaign Laws has been committed. As for your failure to place a Section 435(b) notice on the solicitation provided by Ms. Chapman, the Commission is satisfied by the representations in the letter of Mr. Henderson dated July 21, 1976, that the error was inadvertent and that there will now be substantial compliance.

I thank you for your prompt response and your expressed willingness to comply with the Federal Election Campaign Laws. The attorney assigned to this matter was David R. Spiegel (telephone no. 202/382-4055).

Sincerely yours,

Signed: John G. Murphy, Jr.

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*General Counsel



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CERTIFICATION

I, Marjorie W. Emmons, Secretary to the Federal Election Commission, do hereby certify that on July 30, 1976, the Commission determined by a vote of 5-0 to close the file in the above-captioned matter. Accordingly, the file in this matter has now been closed.

Marjorie W. Emmons

Marjorie W. Emmons
Secretary to the Commission

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GENERAL COUNSEL'S REPORT

I. Allegations

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In an unnotarized letter received by the Commission on February 17, 1976, a Ms. Josephine Chapman alleged that (1) solicitations from the American Party were misleading in that they falsely suggest that the Party supports Reagan and Wallace as candidates. (2) She also alleged that she was Treasurer of the Party from August 1975 through January 1976, but the Party did not so list her in its records filed with the Commission. (3) In addition, our examination of the solicitation which accompanied Ms. Chapman's letter indicated that it did not contain the notice required under 2 U.S.C. §435(b).

II. Evidence

(1) The American Party brochures supplied by the letter writer indicated that the Party did in fact support Reagan and Wallace. In a letter dated July 1, 1976, the present Chairman of the Party, Thomas J. Anderson, also indicated that the Party does support these candidates.

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(2) The Anderson response stated that Ms. Chapman was "legally" Treasurer of the Party during the period in question. However, because "she could not be trusted" and was not properly performing her duties, including the filing of reports with the Commission, other persons assumed her duties.

(3) In a second letter dated July 21, 1976, John L. Henderson, a designated agent of the American Party, advised the Commission that the omission was inadvertent and would be corrected.

III. Analysis and Recommendations

1. The 48 Hour Report of the Office of General Counsel indicated that there was no evidence to support the allegation that the solicitations were misleading. It was also indicated that the allegation did not appear to involve a violation of any statute under the Commission's statutory authority. The Office of General Counsel has no further information at the present time to reach a contrary conclusion.

2. In view of the statements in the Anderson letter regarding Ms. Chapman's nominal status in the American Party and in view of the fact that the Party had other persons performing her duties, it does not appear unreasonable that such persons were listed as Treasurer. Any conclusion to the contrary would in effect inject the Commission into an intra-party matter.

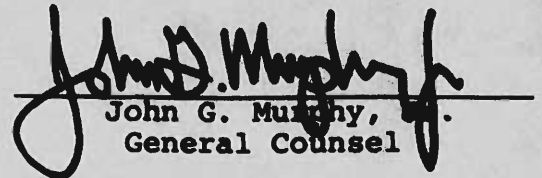
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3. The Henderson letter indicates that the omission of the Section 435(b) notice was inadvertent and will be corrected. Accordingly, there has been substantial compliance.

IV. Conclusion

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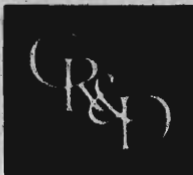

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July 21, 1976

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RE: MUR 088 (76)

Dear Mr. Spiegel:

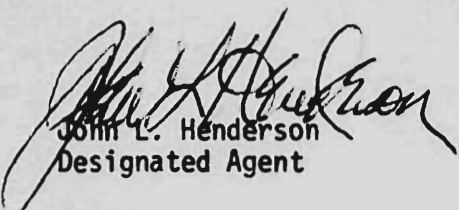
In reviewing our letter of July 1, 1976 it was found that we failed to answer a specific charge contained in your letter dated June 11, 1976 in reference to the notice required under paragraph 435(b).

Attachment "A" will show you the notice that our solicitation material originally contained. This notice was printed on the advice of a phone call to someone in Federal Elections Commission in June or July of 1975. Since we have been advised otherwise, we are correcting all material in order to comply correctly with this law.

We are sincerely sorry for this error, but we felt that we were complying with the laws of the Federal Election Commission.

Trusting this information will clarify our misunderstanding of this law, we remain,

Sincerely,


John L. Henderson
Designated Agent

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THE AMERICAN PARTY - Washington Headquarters, P.O. Lock Box 1568, Washington, D.C. 20013

Dear Tom Anderson:

I gladly give my encouragement and support to the AMERICAN PARTY OF THE UNITED STATES. The questionnaire on the back of this card reflects my feeling on these important issues and my enclosed check in the amount of \$ _____ will help you in the fight to save our Republic. I understand that if my contribution is \$25.00 or more I will receive a one year subscription to "The American Voice," published monthly by THE AMERICAN PARTY.

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Re: MUR 088 (76)

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Dear Mr. Spiegel:

In response to your letters of June 11, 1976 and June 18, 1976 together with enclosures, and in response to any and all allegations made by Mrs. Josephine Chapman regarding any activities of the American Party of the United States, the following is submitted for your information and guidance:

- (1) Mrs. Josephine Chapman was elected Treasurer of the American Party of the United States in Dallas, Texas at a National Committee Meeting in December of 1972 and took office in January of 1973. While Mrs. Chapman legally held the title and office until January 1976, attachment #5, with the pertinent information earmarked in red, will show beyond any doubt why she was removed from office, i.e. she could not be trusted; she refused to cooperate with American Party officials and decisions of the National Committee; she attempted to sabotage or take over the party along with Messrs. Arthur Cain, Lawrence Scally, S. R. Abramson, John Couture, Melvin A. Barnhart, Joseph Birkenstock and Alex Hudgins. These individuals, when caught in an attempt to take over the party for themselves, were all removed from various offices within the American Party of the United States. Since these individuals were removed from the American Party of the United States, they have established another political party called the "American Independence Party", of which most of the individuals listed above are officers of that new political party. Since these individuals who formed the new "American Independence Party" were left with very little support, financial along with actual participation, they have continually attempted to lure members of the American Party of the United States into their own party as well as attempt to cause dissention within the American Party. This has been attempted by their personal contact with persons they were

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acquainted with prior to their removal from the American Party of the United States, along with their writing and mailing derogatory letters concerning the National Chairman, Mr. Thomas J. Anderson and the American Party of the United States' overall activities.

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- (2) The letter of solicitation for funds, along with the Citizen Opinion Poll, were mailed by Consulting Research & Development Corporation on behalf of the American Party of the United States. Mr. John L. Henderson, President, Consulting Research & Development Corporation is a member of the American Party of the United States and has attempted to assist the American Party of the United States in its fundraising activities with no personal compensation for his work.
- (a) Letter - Attachment #1: The letter is plain, simple and contains basic facts and truth. Many candidates were under consideration for the Presidential nomination of the American Party of the United States. Mr. Thomas J. Anderson, National Chairman, personally contacted the names listed therein with the exception of Governor Ronald Reagan. All of these people considered transferring their party affiliation, but as the date of the convention of the American Party of the United States arrived, and as none of these men would make a final decision or commitment to the American Party of the United States, Mr. Thomas J. Anderson, National Chairman was nominated as the Presidential Candidate of the American Party. The letter stated truth--these men were under consideration as the party is continually looking for outstanding American patriots who are willing to support party principals, philosophies and Christian beliefs. No statement was made within the letter or the brochure which would lead any contributor to feel that any of these men would positively be the American Party of the United States' candidate for President.
- (b) Brochure - Attachment #2: The brochure contains an honest Foreign and Domestic Policy of the American Party of the United States and showed pictures of persons actually under consideration and contacted by the American Party of the United States. You will further note that two areas of the brochure, along with the Citizens Opinion Poll (Attachment #3) asked voters within the United States to give the American Party of The United States their choice. These results to date have been tabulated and have been published in "The American Voice" the party newspaper (Attachment #4). Further, the brochure simply stated: "Don't Be A Republican"--"Don't Be A Democrat"--"Be American--Go American" and "Support Americans That Are For Americans." Your Commission cannot possibly find fault with our solicitation materials as it was, in our opinion, frank, factual, truthful and to the point. For your additional information, a total of approximately 75,000 pieces of this material was mailed with approximately 4,200 responses.
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- (3) The American Party of the United States held its National Nominating Convention in Salt Lake City, Utah from June 17, 1976 through June 20, 1976. Attachment #5 is a copy of the Minutes of the National Committee Meeting of the American Party of the United States in Washington, D. C. on November 7, 1975 through November 9, 1975. In these Minutes, the reasons for an early convention are clearly defined and substantiated. You should also note within Attachment #5 that Mrs. Chapman, along with the other persons identified herein, are mentioned and censured with reasoning for these actions clearly stated.

- (4) At no time in the enclosed solicitation was it stated that funds solicited would be utilized to obtain ballot position in any state. In was, however, truthfully stated that "we must bend every effort at this time with any further delay to put the American Party on the ballot of every state. We must organize down to the grass roots level . . .".

Mr. Henderson of Consulting Research & Development Corporation personally attended meetings of fourteen states and conducted a seminar in each state, at State Meetings of the American Party in order to help organize the individual state parties affiliated with the National Party.

In no way could this be misleading to any defectors from either the Republican or Democratic parties.

- (5) Prevailing sentiment in the American Party is not anti-Wallace and/or anti-Reagan, on the contrary, the American Party of the United States is an offshoot of the old "Wallace Party", therefore, many, many of its members have been pro-Wallace. It certainly is very inconsistent of Mrs. Chapman to make charges of this type, but knowing Mrs. Chapman, she will make any kind of a statement to cause problems or dissention within an organization that she cannot personally control or run.
- (6) It is felt that Mrs. Chapman, who stated in her letter of complaint that she was Treasurer of the American Party when reports were filed with the Federal Elections Commission on August 12, 1975 should have realized that she could not be trusted to file reports properly. Members of the Executive Board of the American Party can only be removed from office by a majority vote of the party's National Committee. Mrs. Chapman and Mr. Cain even went to the extent of establishing a separate bank account with funds of the American Party about that time in 1975 and her continual lack of cooperation, along with her talent for causing dissention would not allow our National Headquarters or Certified Public Accountant to forward anything further to Mrs. Chapman. For further information on American Party of the United States' fiscal data, please contact our auditor, Mr. Ron Cape, Hickman Pugh and Company, Farragut Hotel Building, Knoxville, Tennessee 37901.

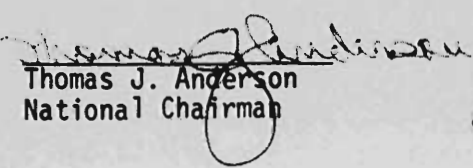
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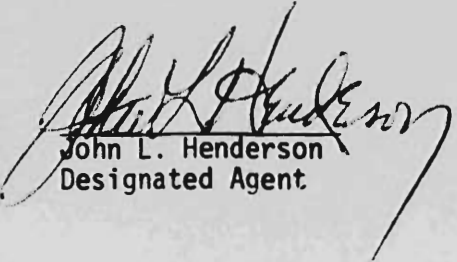
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- (7) The American Party of the United States has continually filed all reports necessary according to the existing laws of the United States with Federal Elections Commission. It should be noted that two reports are filed for each reporting period, one report by American Party National Headquarters in Pigeon Forge, Tennessee and one report by our designated agent in Washington, D. C., Mr. John L. Henderson.

Trusting the above information is helpful in your pursuing investigation of this matter.

Sincerely,


Thomas J. Anderson
National Chairman


John L. Henderson
Designated Agent

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Fellow American:

Next year you and I face what could be the most critical period in our 200 year history as a Nation.

Let's be practical and try to anticipate what may happen in the unsettled political world in which we live. It is quite possible that Nelson Rockefeller will be nominated on the Republican ticket. If so, there will be mass defections from the GOP. As for the Democrats, they are facing the most divisive convention in their entire history. If George Wallace is disappointed in his quest for the nomination (and I predict that he will be), then there will be mass defections from that party also. Even without this event, it is quite likely that George Meany may walk out with labor, and as you know, among Negroes there is vast dissatisfaction with the Democratic party.

We may well face the breakup of both parties as we have known them for more than a century. If this happens, where are patriotic Americans who want to put America First going to go?

You can see that it is of overriding importance that we bend every effort at this time without any further delay to put the American Party on the ballot of every state. We must organize down to the grassroots level and we must build our party to the point that it can be the vehicle for a truly patriotic American candidate who will put the interests of you and me first and foremost in national and international affairs.

Many good candidates are under consideration already for our nomination: such outstanding American patriots as George Wallace, Ronald Reagan, Dr. John Grady, John Rarick, Senator Jesse Helms, Gov. Meldrim Thompson. Each one has much support and would bring in millions of voters from his respective party and from "Independents". But we cannot attract these men unless we are strong and have something significant to offer to them. This is why I am writing.

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ATTACHMENT #3

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE AMERICAN
PARTY OF THE UNITED STATES AT WASHINGTON, D. C., NOVEMBER 7 - 9, 1975

The regular semi-annual meeting of the National Committee of the American Party of the United States was held at the Mayflower Hotel in Washington, D.C., on November 7 - 9, 1975. The business session was opened on the morning of Friday, November 7, with a prayer by Dr. Thomas Parker (S. C.) and was followed by the pledge of allegiance, led by the National Youth Chairman, Vic Roberts (Kans.).

The Chairman, in his opening remarks, emphasized that the strength of the American Party does not lie in any one individual or group of individuals, but must be based upon undeviating adherence to principle. Pointing out that a "win" is not a win unless it is on the side of right, he predicted that "we will win when the American people and God are ready for us to win."

The Chairman announced that the services of a registered parliamentarian, Dr. John Stackpole, had been retained for this meeting.

In response to the Chairman's call for the report of the Credentials Committee, its Chairman, Mr. Scally (Md.), stated that the committee had not yet finished its work and could not make a complete report at that time. Following a lengthy discussion on the most expeditious manner of establishing a fully-credentialed and voting body, it was determined by roll call that 113 delegates from the following 33 states were eligible to vote: Alabama, Alaska, Arkansas, California, Connecticut, Arizona, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa (credentialed Friday evening), Kansas, Louisiana, Kentucky, Maryland, Minnesota, Mississippi, Michigan, Montana, Nebraska, North Carolina, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Virginia, Wisconsin, and District of Columbia. States with credentialed delegations but not eligible to vote included Hawaii, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, and West Virginia.

Except for Idaho, which was newly affiliated by passage of a separate motion, the committee's favorable report on credentials of the aforementioned delegations was then accepted on motion by Scally, which was seconded by DeGaston (Cal.) and passed. Consideration of Ohio, which had been included in the initial list of vote-qualified delegations, was deferred pending further information on Ohio's assessment.

Inasmuch as the Mayflower Hotel had demanded immediate payment of its bill in the amount of approximately \$8300, a motion was made by DeGaston and seconded by McDonnell (Tex.) directing the Treasurer to co-sign a check for the required amount. Discussion of the motion established that (1) the Party's bank account at Pigeon Forge was inoperative pending resolution of the impasse between the National Chairman and the Executive Board, (2) that the Treasurer had just sent to Michigan assessment checks totalling approximately \$12,000, and (3) that the Executive Director had

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in hand registration fees in sufficient amount to cover the bill. Accordingly, a substitute motion was offered directing Mr. Jeppson to pay the bill with the money in hand. This substitute motion was seconded and passed. Mr. Skees (Tex.) guaranteed to the hotel management the endorsements on the checks thus used.

It was moved by E. Lent (Ark.) and duly seconded that the voting body approve the Chairman's request to have Dr. John Grady chair the forthcoming portions of the meeting. Motion carried, and Dr. Grady took the chair.

Mr. Scally re-offered the motion of the Credentials Committee that Ohio be seated, seconded by Roberts (Alaska). Discussion of the motion elicited the information that action of the Executive Board taken in Memphis in December, 1974, and re-affirmed at Chicago in August, 1975, had approved the payment or the crediting to their state's assessment of travel expenses to Executive Board meetings for its members. Motion to seat the delegation carried, subsequent to further explanation by Scally that the intent of this motion was not necessarily to include voting rights.

It was moved by de Gaston and duly seconded that the National Committee authorize for this time only a credit to the Ohio assessment of a \$650 advance made to the publisher of the Voice. Motion carried, with the explicit understanding that no precedent was set thereby.

It was moved by E. Lent and seconded by Johnson (Cal.) that the National Committee disapprove retroactively the aforementioned actions of the Executive Board authorizing payments and/or credit to state assessments for transportation for board members. Motion carried, with the understanding that this motion does not apply to the expenses of the National Chairman.

The Ohio Chairman then announced that his state would not attempt to qualify itself to vote.

It was moved by O. Spann (Ala.) and seconded by Sunderland (Ky.) to adopt for this meeting the agenda provided in advance by the National Chairman. Motion carried.

Following the reading of the minutes by the Secretary, it was moved by McDonnell and duly seconded that the minutes be accepted, but with the inclusion of a challenge to the legality of the amendment to Article VII, Sections 1 and 2 of the Constitution of the American Party of the United States, and also with the corrections as enumerated below, to wit:

1. That the paragraph pertaining to an amendment to Article V, Section 2, be deleted inasmuch as said amendment was never considered and voted on at that meeting.
2. That the intent of Mr. Grady's motion on Alex Hudgins was simply that the latter be commended for his past services and harmonious conduct; and that the reference to a plaque was not a part of the motion but left to the discretion of the National Committee.
3. That the vote of confidence in the National Chairman was unanimous, with a standing ovation.
4. That the National Chairman had not stated that he favored a late convention.
5. That when the Executive Board's proposal was originally presented,

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it was implied that it was unanimously recommended, and that subsequently, when questioned, it was restated in the manner recorded.

It was moved by Andrews (Fla.) and seconded that this body declare invalid the adoption of the amendment to Article VII, Sections 1 and 2, inasmuch as the amendment proposal duly circulated thirty days in advance had (1) erroneously changed "or" to "and" in the phrase "shall be elected for a term of four years or until their successors are elected", and (2) erroneously specified the increase in board membership as four when in fact it was two. Discussion of the motion established that there were several versions of the Constitution in existence, that the version of most recent date issued by the Chairman of the Constitution Committee contained the wording "or"; and that the Secretary had no "official version" available. After consultation with the parliamentarian, the Chair ruled that the decrease of the additional Board membership from four to two had been a permissible procedure, but that since the only stated purpose of the amendment had been to increase the size of the Board, the legality of an additional change of meaning implied by the substitution of "and" for "or" was questionable and perhaps a typographical error. In view of this ruling, the motion was withdrawn by its maker.

It was then moved by A. Solomons (Cal.) and seconded that the question of the validity of the action on this amendment be resolved by ratifying the expansion of the Board by two members, making five members at large, as was indicated by the minutes, and by simultaneously correcting an "error of transmission" in the terminology and re-inserting the word "or" in the aforementioned phrase. Motion carried unanimously.

The Treasurer in her report stated that she was unable to account for any monies other than the \$17,097.89 in hand, consisting of \$1916 now on deposit in an inoperative account at the Manufacturers National Bank in Michigan, plus \$15,181.89 in assessments and registration fees collected by her at this meeting, and which had just been mailed to the bank. Citing the need for full cooperation between the National Headquarters and the Treasurer, she stated that she possessed inadequate information concerning the Pigeon Forge bank balances, and that numerous checks had been issued on the latter account without her signature in direct violation of policy established by the Executive Board.

The National Chairman, in response to questions concerning the bank account at Pigeon Forge, presented a financial statement for the first ten months of 1975, showing disbursements of \$153,986.27, receipts of \$150,850.42, and \$12,057.51 in accounts payable. He stated further that the current Pigeon Forge bank balance was approximately \$1500 to \$2000. He added that this account had been inoperative since receipt by the bank of a certified letter from the Executive Board stating that henceforth checks would require any two of the three signatures of the National Chairman, the Vice Chairman, and the Treasurer. Accordingly, the National Chairman and the Executive Director had needily established an emergency account, as yet unauthorized by the National Committee.

Following these remarks by the Treasurer and the National Chairman, the Chair ruled that the Treasurer's report was accepted as presented but could not be approved.

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It was moved by Hoeft (Wis.) to adopt an earlier suggestion made by Mr. Rarick that the agenda be amended so as to vote on the time and place of the National Nominating Convention as the next order of business. After a second and some discussion, the motion was defeated on a roll call vote, 82 to 25.

It was moved by Krogdahl (Ky.) and seconded by Lee (Ind.) that the following resolution of censure be adopted:

Whereas the Vice Chairman, Treasurer, Secretary and Executive Board members Abranson, Couture and McAfee have declined the several invitations of the Chairman to hold meetings of the Executive Board at the times and places suggested by the Chairman, but have instead called meetings when and where the Chairman could not conveniently attend; and

Whereas these Board members have taken actions at these meetings which were clearly contrary to the intent and policy of the National Committee and which served to arrogate to the Board powers and functions considered to be the powers and functions of the Chairman; and

Whereas these same Board members have orally and in writing impugned the ability and integrity of the Chairman to members of the National Committee; and

Whereas these Board members have thus called into question the Chairman's personal honesty, capability and suitability for office but have failed to recommend the proper corrective action as provided by the Constitution of the American Party of the United States; and

Whereas these members of the Board have countermanded and effectively terminated for the present, at considerable cost to the American Party, a fund-raising program initiated by the Chairman; and

Whereas the Vice Chairman explicitly misled the National Committee concerning the concurrence of the Chairman with respect to the Executive Board's proposal at Salt Lake City to expand the Party's staff of paid personnel; and

Whereas the Vice Chairman has on his own authority attempted to limit and over-rule the Chairman in his function as the Party's administrative officer; and

Whereas the Vice Chairman has misrepresented to the members of the National Committee the Board's knowledge of the Chairman's salary and headquarters expenses; and

Whereas the Secretary has failed over an extended period of time to discharge the essential duties of his office as detailed in Roberts' Rules of Order Newly Revised, to wit: to keep minutes, make records and minutes available on request of members, have on hand a list of committees and their members, to maintain record books in which the bye-laws, special rules of order, standing rules, and minutes are entered, with any amendments to these documents recorded, and to have the current record books on hand at every meeting, to send out to the membership a notice of each meeting (known as the "call" of the meeting), to prepare prior to each meeting an order of business for the use of the presiding officer, showing their exact order under each heading all matters known in advance that are due to come up, and, if applicable, the times for which they are set; and

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Whereas the Secretary in his official position has in intemperate correspondence to members of the National Committee questioned the motives of the Chairman and ridiculed his judgment; and

Whereas Board member McAfee did knowingly and deliberately offer a worthless check for \$200.00 endorsed and guaranteed by the then Executive Director of the American Party and subsequently charged to the American Party;

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the National Committee of the American Party does hereby censure these members of the Executive Board jointly and individually for these actions.

Scally moved to amend the resolution so as to consider separately the censure of each of the persons named. Seconded by Jern (Ill.) and defeated.

A further amendment was offered by Roberts and seconded by Barnhart (d.) that the National Chairman be included in the censure resolution. This second amendment failed to carry, following extensive discussion of the matter of Executive Board policy relating to salary and rentals paid to the National Chairman.

The original motion of censure subsequently carried, following additional discussion which included commentary by the Vice Chairman, the Secretary, Dr. Abranson and Dr. Couture.

It was moved by Skees (Tex.) and seconded by St. Arant that the National Committee of the American Party declare null and void all actions taken by the Executive Board since June 22, 1975, such action to be taken without prejudice to the future consideration of these items by the National Committee. Comments on the motion emphasized the need for the National Committee to assume its proper responsibility for the direction of Party affairs. Motion carried.

It was moved by H. Crank (Ida.) and seconded by Mathias (Conn.) that the National Chairman and all members of the Executive Board of the American Party of the United States be requested to submit their resignations and stand for re-election along with any other nominees submitted from the floor. An amendment to exclude the Chairman from this motion was made and seconded. Motion carried 50 - 30, whereupon the original motion was withdrawn by the mover.

It was moved by Andrews (Fla.) that in accordance with the provisions of Article V, Section 4 of the Constitution the National Committee remove from office and from the Executive Board Alan MacNeil and Arthur Cain. Seconded by Rider (Cal.). An amendment offered by Anderson (N. H.) and duly seconded moved that the removal of officers be considered individually. In response to a challenge to this motion by Scally, the Chair ruled the motion in order, in accordance with both the Constitution and the applicable provisions of Roberts rules of order. The amendment carried. Extensive discussion of the portion of the motion to remove the Secretary dealt with personalities as well as with questions about the duties and responsibilities of the office and the Secretary's replies. On a roll call vote the motion carried 76 - 33, by the necessary two-thirds of those seated and qualified.

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In accordance with provisions of Roberts' Rules, nominations were then open for the vacant office of Secretary. The nominations were: Mary Ellen Gardner (Utah), nominated by D. Rider (Cal.); Bobbi Ames (Ala.), nominated by C. Dunn (D.C.); W. S. Krogdahl (Ky.), nominated by A. Aremia (N.C.); Jewell Meggs (Ind.), nominated by P. Bailey (Ind.); and Olive Spann (Ala.), nominated by Lupe Barbere (N.D.). It was moved by W. J. Miller (Fla.) and duly seconded that the nominations be closed. Motion carried. Following the withdrawal of B. Ames and O. Spann, W. S. Krogdahl received a majority on the first ballot.

The next order of business was consideration of the pending motion to remove the Vice Chairman. Extended debate on this question was finally terminated by a majority vote. The motion to remove the Vice Chairman then carried by a roll call vote, 76 - 31.

It was moved by Silcock (Cal.) and seconded by Schroeder (Neb.) that Mrs. Marie McAfee be removed from the Executive Board. Motion carried, 103 - 2.

It was moved by DeLaston (Cal.) and seconded by Davidson (Fla.) that the Treasurer be removed from office. After some discussion, it was moved by Roberts (Alaska) and seconded by Gies (Del.) to postpone this motion indefinitely. Motion to postpone carried, 60 - 44.

It was moved by Schroeder and seconded by Mathias that Mr. Harick be included in the censure resolution previously adopted, inasmuch as he had attended the Board meetings then referred to. A motion to table was made by Hart (Kans.), seconded by St. Laurent, and carried.

Schroeder moved, seconded by Mathias, to censure the National Chairman inasmuch as he had equivocated on certain matters, and that therefore he and the Board were equally guilty of wise decisions. A motion to table was made by Parker (S.C.), was duly seconded and carried.

It was moved by Rider that the election of the other new members of the Board be considered at this time. Motion seconded and passed. Nominations for the at-large vacancy on the Executive Board were: Mary Ellen Gardner (Utah) was nominated by Micky Gardner (Va.); Olive Spann (Ala.) was nominated by A. Aremia (N.C.); R. Trepanier (Utah) was nominated by Storms (Mont.); G. Helton (Va.) was nominated but withdrew immediately. It was moved, seconded, and approved that the nominations be closed. Olive Spann was duly elected by majority vote on the second ballot.

The next order of business being the election of a new Vice Chairman, the Chair was assumed by the National Chairman for this item of business. Nominations for the Vice Chairman were: Dr. John Brady (Fla.) was nominated by Ben Robinson (Fla.); Ed Williams (Ohio) was nominated by Roy Jones (Mich.) but immediately withdrew; Bill Skees (Tex.) was nominated by Millard (D.C.) but withdrew; Sam McDonnell (Tex.) was nominated by Mathias (Iowa) but withdrew; Roy Jones (Mich.) was nominated by E. Crank (Idaho); and H. Trepanier (Utah) was nominated by Mathias (Iowa). Dr. Brady was elected by majority ballot on the first vote and resumed the Chair.

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The Chairman of the Budget and Finance Committee, Mr. St. Amant, moved adoption of the following resolutions pertaining to the monetary policies of the National Committee:

(1) Whereas various funds belonging to the American Party of the United States are now scattered among several bank accounts and various sums of cash on hand; and

Whereas no single individual or agency is currently in a position to account for all the funds;

Now, therefore, be it resolved that this Committee require that all accounts be centrally deposited forthwith in a single account in a bank in the Pigeon Forge area that is mutually agreeable to the Chairman and the Treasurer.

Motion seconded by McDonnell and carried.

(2) Whereas there currently appears to be some loose handling of administrative procedures concerning the disbursement of Party funds which has subjected several persons to criticism; and

Whereas the continuance of such practices would surely cause future confusion and criticism,

Now, therefore, be it resolved that this body authorize and require the Budget and Finance Committee to establish sound administrative practices to cure the problem and prevent the likelihood of its recurrence.

Seconded by Stallard and carried unanimously following various suggestions from the floor.

It was moved by L. Lent (Ark.) and seconded by Mathias that all resolutions, motions, rules, bye-laws, and an updated version of the Constitution be compiled and furnished to all members of the National Committee. An amendment to the effect that one copy of the aforementioned material be furnished to state chairmen and redistributed by them within their states was offered by Rider and accepted as a part of the original motion. Wyvell (Tex.) moved to table this motion until the next day, pending the possible consideration of new business concerning revision of the Constitution. Motion to table was seconded by Roberts and carried.

It was moved by Hoeft and seconded by Lee to consider the time of the National Nominating Convention as the next order of business. Motion carried. Protracted discussion on this subject dealt with the availability and desirability of several possible candidates as well as with the requirements of various state laws dealing with attaining ballot position and participation in national conventions. It was thus established that several states (such as Illinois) have early August deadlines for the submission of petitions bearing the names of the actual candidates, whereas others (for example, Texas and Utah) could not legally participate in a convention prior to mid-June. It was further pointed out that all the possible presidential candidates should have been able to assess realistically their chances by that time.

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Accordingly, it was moved by E. Parker (Ky.) and seconded by DeGaston that the Convention be held the third or fourth week of June. A substitute motion was made by McDonnell, seconded by M. Lent, that before further discussion it be decided to hold the American Party Convention prior to the conventions of the other two parties. After further discussion, an amendment specifying the dates June 15-21 was made by DeGaston and seconded by E. Parker. The amendment was defeated. The substitute motion then carried 75 - 31 on a roll call vote.

Following an overnight recess, it was moved by Wyvell and seconded by Rider that the Convention be the fourth week in June. The mover accepted a change specifying the third week of June when a possible conflict with the Fourth of July weekend was noted. Pointing out that a caucus to explore dates had been open to all interested parties, DeGaston moved that the week of June 21 - 26 be chosen for the Convention, having been determined by the caucus to be the optimum time with respect to the requirements of the various state laws. Motion seconded by M. E. Gardner and carried with the stipulation that the exact details be left to the discretion of the Executive Board.

Subsequent to a comprehensive presentation by the Salt Lake Valley Convention Bureau, it was moved by Trepanier and seconded by St. Anant that Salt Lake City be the site of the National Convention. Specific details cited in support of this proposal had been the guarantee of adequate hotel room blocks at specified rates, the availability of all wire services with the three TV networks cabled into the Salt Palace arena, and the less-than-\$1000 per day charge for the arena. Transportation arrangements included low-rate charter flights from large cities, depending on advance registrations. The site selection committee, chaired by Stallard (Kans.) reported that no other city had submitted an equally definite proposal, although some sentiment was expressed in favor of a more central location. The motion to hold the Convention in Salt Lake City carried.

The Chairman of the Budget and Finance Committee, Mr. St. Anant, reported that his committee had prepared a budget for 1976 which anticipated an income of \$211,250.00 and disbursements of \$210,458.00. In accordance with the resolution adopted earlier by the National Committee, the following procedures were recommended:

Checks up to an amount of \$500.00 may, at the discretion of the National Chairman, be signed by the National Chairman alone. According to the expressed desire of the National Central Committee, this expeditious convenience is not to be used to split large obligations into smaller multiple increments to avoid the \$500.00 limit.

Higher amount checks must be signed by the National Chairman and the National Treasurer. Only in the case of the incapacity of one of these two signers, the National Secretary's signature will be authorized to be substituted for the signature of the one so incapacitated.

Each month, by the 10th of the following month, a photo copy of the prior month's ledger sheets kept at the National Headquarters will be forwarded to the Treasurer.

The Bookkeeper at National Headquarters is asked to send receipts to contributors whose contributions are received directly by National Headquarters.

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Adoption of the Budget and Finance Committee's report was then moved by St. Amant, seconded by Parker (Ky.) and carried.

It was moved by Crank and seconded by Schroeder (Neb.) that competitive bids be taken on the printing of the American Voice. Hart moved to table, pointing out that a certain amount of discretion must be given the National Chairman. Motion to table received a general second and carried.

It was moved by Mathias and seconded by Scally that members of the Executive Board not be reimbursed for travel expenses to Board meetings. An amendment was offered by DeGaston and seconded by L. Lent to exempt the National Chairman from this policy. Amendment carried, as did amended motion following additional discussion.

It was moved by McDonnell and seconded by DeGaston that the Secretary be directed to make available at the beginning of each National Committee meeting copies of the minutes of the previous meeting as well as minutes of the interim Board meetings. An amendment by Bailey, seconded by Jorn, provided that in addition each state chairman should receive a copy of all such minutes as soon as possible after each such meeting. Mathias proposed a further amendment requiring that copies of all minutes be sent to all chairmen and National Committee members approximately three weeks before each National Committee meeting. The latter amendment was seconded by Loyd Duwe (Minn.) and subsequently defeated. The First amendment and main motion carried.

Mathias moved to hear the report of Mr. John Henderson of C.R. & D. The motion was duly seconded and carried. Mr. Henderson described his contract difficulties with the Executive Board as well as the work begun on an initial nationwide fund-raising drive undertaken at the request of the National Chairman. Of 50,000 mailing pieces prepared, some 24,000 had been sent to listings of known conservatives, purchased at a cost of \$30 - \$40 per thousand. Response to this mailing had been an unusually high 6.7 per cent, and drew 721 individual contributions totalling over \$11,000. Mr. Henderson estimated that at least \$60,000 had been lost by termination of the mailout in September. On the other hand, he described how a long-range expansion of the mailing program, as well as the opening of a Washington office, would not only be self-sustaining but could be co-ordinated with organizational efforts in the various states. His own pay, as per the original contract, was to be \$500.00 per month or however much he raised, whichever was less.

It was moved by E. Parker that the contract between the American Party and C. R. & D. be reinstituted and the mailout campaign be resumed. Following a second, DeGaston moved an amendment that a contract be negotiated by the National Chairman with the advice of the Executive Board, that the state chairmen be sent lists of the favorable responses from their respective states, arranged by Zip code, that the contract be renewable at the following meeting of the National Committee, and that the initial "seed money" not exceed \$11,000.00. This amendment, seconded by McDonnell, was accepted as a part of the original motion by its mover and seconder, and the amended motion then carried unanimously.

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It was moved by McDonnell that the National Committee either accept the offer of C. R. & D. to rescind the present contract without prejudice or direct the National Chairman to accept C. R. & D.'s offer (thus permitting the action approved by the previous motion), and further to approve the action of the Chairman under the present contract to date. Motion seconded by Rider and carried unanimously.

It was moved by Roberts and seconded by Elkins (Tenn.) that the Chairman or his designee be responsible for keeping tape recordings of all meetings, to be made available at future meetings. Motion carried.

Skees moved that in order to accomplish the necessary business prior to the Salt Lake City Convention the National Committee hold a meeting the last week-end of January, the site to be at the discretion of the National Chairman. Motion seconded by Davidson and carried.

It was moved by E. Hall that Mr. Henderson and C. R. & D. be commended by the National Committee for their efforts thus far, carried out under difficult circumstances. Motion seconded by Dr. Wyvell, carried unanimously and by acclamation.

Pursuant to comments by the New York delegation on its assessment difficulties, it was moved by McDonnell that the Budget and Finance Committee be directed to review the assessment system and to present a recommendation thereon at the next National Committee meeting. Seconded by E. Hall and carried.

A written report submitted by Dr. Parker on behalf of the Business and Professional Committee was not acted on at this meeting.

The motion to adjourn was made by E. Parker, seconded by Jones, and carried at 12:16 P.M., Sunday, November 9, 1975.

Respectfully submitted,

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Mr. Thomas J. Anderson
National Chairman
The American Party
P. O. Lock Box 1588
Washington, D. C. 20013

Re: MUR 080 (76)

Dear Mr. Anderson:

This is in response to a telephone conversation of June 17, 1976, between Mr. John L. Henderson of your office and Mr. David Spiegel of our staff, in which you Henderson indicated that our letter to the American Party, notifying it of the complaint of Ms. Josephine Chapman in MUR 080 (76), neglected to include a copy of the complaining letter and the accompanying solicitation material.

I apologize for our error and enclose herewith the omitted materials.

Since our notification to you was not completed until this letter, your response should be submitted to the Commission within ten days of receipt of this letter, rather than the original communication.

Sincerely yours,

William Gidaker
Assistant General Counsel

Enclosure

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11 JUN 1976

Mr. Thomas J. Anderson
National Chairman
The American Party
P. O. Lock Box 1568
Washington, D. C. 20013

Re: MUR 088 (76)

Dear Mr. Anderson:

The Federal Election Commission has received a letter from Ms. Josephine Chapman alleging that she was Treasurer of the American Party from August 1975 to January 1976, but was not so listed on the records the Party filed with the Commission. A copy of the letter and the solicitation material on which it is based are enclosed herewith.

We would appreciate it if you would furnish us with any information you may have as to Ms. Chapman's position in your Party. In the event Ms. Chapman was Treasurer of the Party an amendment should be filed to your reports.

We also note that the front page of the solicitation materials, which purport to come from your Party, do not contain the notice required by 2 U.S.C. §435(b), to wit:

"A copy of our report is filed with the Federal Election Commission and is available for purchase from the Federal Election Commission, Washington, D. C."

Please make sure that this notice appears on any future solicitations made by the American Party.

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DATE AND TIME OF TRANSMITTAL: MAY 26 1976

NO. MUR 088 (76)

REC'D: 2/17/76

FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
Washington, D. C.

Complainant's Name: Josephine Chapman (unnotarized letter)

Respondent's Name: American Party

Relevant Statute: None alleged; possibly 18 U.S.C. §617

Internal Reports Checked: American Party's Registration Statement and
subsequent reports

Federal Agencies Checked: None

SUMMARY OF ALLEGATION

(1) Ms. Chapman alleges that solicitations from the American Party are misleading in that they falsely suggest that the Party supports Reagan and Wallace as candidates. (2) Ms. Chapman also alleges that she was treasurer of the Party from August 1975 through January 1976, but the Party did not so list her in its records filed with the Commission. (3) Our examination of the solicitation indicates that it does not contain the notice required under 2 U.S.C. 435(b). However, this may be a result of faulty xeroxing.

PRELIMINARY LEGAL ANALYSIS

(1) The allegation that the solicitation is misleading is unsubstantiated. There is also a possible jurisdiction problem. The identical allegation was raised in MUR 115 (76) and the file was closed. (2) The American Party's registration statements and subsequent reports covering the period of August 1975 to January 1976 list persons other than Ms. Chapman as party Treasurers. An inquiry might be made as to the possible factual discrepancy.

RECOMMENDATION

Leave file open, pending response to attached letters.

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PRELIMINARY LEGAL ANALYSIS (Cont'd)

(3) The Party should be notified of the need for a §435(b) disclaimer, if, in fact, it was omitted.

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MUR No. 088

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June 8, 1976

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Washington, D. C.

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Mr. Michael Hershman
Federal Election Commission
1325 K Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20463

Dear Mr. Hershman:

Pursuant to our telephone conversation on Monday, February 9, 1976, enclosed please find two letters of solicitation for funds, questionnaire and brochure-pamphlet which was mailed by the American Party through Consulting Research & Development Corp.

As you will note in the brochure-pamphlet, there are two prominent presidential candidates pictured which I would assume would lead any contributor to feel that either Governor Wallace or Governor Reagan could be potential candidates on the American Party ticket.

For your information, the American Party is holding its national nominating convention prior to either the Democrats and/or the Republicans, so that in claiming that the money will be used to obtain ballot position as an alternative choice to voters is completely misleading in that defectors from either the Republican or Democratic party could not use his party nomination in that he is having an early convention.

Please note further that prevailing sentiment in the American Party is anti-Wallace and Reagan. I would imagine that the Federal Election Commission should investigate this further.

Also, as per our conversation, I would appreciate your checking and advising me as to what my rights are in that the forms filed with Federal Elections Commission, Secretary of the Senate, etc. did not list me as the Treasurer of the American Party when they filed said forms August 12, 1975, although I was Treasurer until January 23, 1976, and that the oath was sworn to by someone unknown to me.

Your attention in this matter will be greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

Josephine Chapman
Josephine Chapman
259 E. Huron River Dr.
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Alan MacNeil

the American Party



Fellow American:

Next year you and I face what could be the most critical period in our 200 year history as a Nation.

Let's be practical and try to anticipate what may happen in the unsettled political world in which we live. It is quite possible that Nelson Rockefeller will be nominated on the Republican ticket. If so, there will be mass defections from the GOP. As for the Democrats, they are facing the most divisive convention in their entire history. If George Wallace is disappointed in his quest for the nomination (and I predict that he will be), then there will be mass defections from that party also. Even without this event, it is quite likely that George Meany may walk out with labor, and as you know, among Negroes there is vast dissatisfaction with the Democratic party.

We may well face the breakup of both parties as we have known them for more than a century. If this happens, where are patriotic Americans who want to put America First going to go?

You can see that it is of overriding importance that we bend every effort at this time without any further delay to put the American Party on the ballot of every state. We must organize down to the grassroots level and we must build our party to the point that it can be the vehicle for a truly patriotic American candidate who will put the interests of you and me first and foremost in national and international affairs.

Many good candidates are under consideration already for our nomination: such outstanding American patriots as George Wallace, Ronald Reagan, Dr. John Grady, John Rarick, Senator Jesse Helms, Gov. Meldrim Thompson. Each one has much support and would bring in millions of voters from his respective party and from "Independents". But we cannot attract these men unless we are strong and have something significant to offer to them. This is why I am writing.

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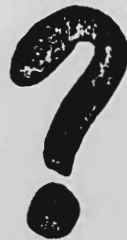
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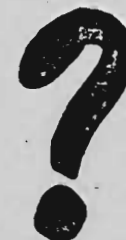


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Mr. Michael Hershman
Federal Election Commission
1325 K Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20463

Dear Mr. Hershman:

Pursuant to our telephone conversation on Monday, February 9, 1976, enclosed please find two letters of solicitation for funds, questionnaire and brochure-pamphlet which was mailed by the American Party through Consulting Research & Development Corp.

As you will note in the brochure-pamphlet, there are two prominent presidential candidates pictured which I would assume would lead any contributor to feel that either Governor Wallace or Governor Reagan could be potential candidates on the American Party ticket.

For your information, the American Party is holding its national nominating convention prior to either the Democrats and/or the Republicans, so that in claiming that the money will be used to obtain ballot position as an alternative choice to voters is completely misleading in that defectors from either the Republican or Democratic party could not use his party nomination in that he is having an early convention.

Please note further that prevailing sentiment in the American Party is anti-Wallace and Reagan. I would imagine that the Federal Election Commission should investigate this further.

Also, as per our conversation, I would appreciate your checking and advising me as to what my rights are in that the forms filed with Federal Elections Commission, Secretary of the Senate, etc. did not list me as the Treasurer of the American Party when they filed said forms August 12, 1975, although I was Treasurer until January 23, 1976, and that the oath was sworn to by someone unknown to me.

Your attention in this matter will be greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

J. Chapman

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Physician - Author



MELDRIM THOMSON, JR.
Governor
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Vice President
of the United States

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from North Carolina



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DOMESTIC POLICY

THE AMERICAN PARTY IS FOR:

- Getting the Federal Government completely out of education.
- An end to forced busing.
- The election of Federal District Judges and the re-confirmation of others every four years.
- Full support of local police, and opposed to any national police force.
- Mandatory jail sentence for anyone convicted of selling or supplying illegal drugs.
- Getting the Federal Government completely out of welfare; for state and local control and funding of all public assistance programs.
- The right of workers to elect to participate in private retirement plans as an alternative to the Federal Social Security program.
- Private insurance instead of government-controlled insurance.
- Halting inflation by putting the Federal Government on a pay-as-you-go basis and stopping the increase in the money supply.
- Immediate tax relief, especially for the lower and middle-income citizens.
- The elimination of red tape and restrictions which discourage the development and expansion of business enterprises which create job opportunities.
- The free competitive enterprise system.
- The phased, complete withdrawal of government controls of and subsidies to agriculture.
- The right of rank-and-file union members to control the destiny of their own local unions.
- The protection of our environment and natural resources without the undue harassment and control of private industry and land.
- The full disclosure of campaign contributions and expenditures.
- The full disclosure to the people, of the activities of their government.
- The re-examination of the concept of zoning laws and total opposition to what is known as "Regional Government."

FOREIGN POLICY

- **The American Policy** steadfastly opposes American participation in any form of world government organization which infringes the Sovereignty of the United States, and calls for getting the United States out of the United Nations and getting the United Nations out of the United States.
- **The American Party** supports the Monroe Doctrine and pledges not to interfere with Cuban exiles in their legitimate goals and aims of freeing their country from communist tyranny.
- **The American Party** is unalterably opposed to American involvement in the Middle East conflict between Israel and Arab states.
- We call upon our government to cease its acts of hostility toward South Africa and Rhodesia and all other non-communist countries who have demonstrated their friendship for the United States.
- We demand that no further funds be appropriated for any kind of foreign aid programs; and that all debts owed to the United States by foreign countries from previous wars be collected by confiscation of property if necessary.
- **The American Party** urges that Congress take action to protect American workers, farmers, and businesses from slave-labor foreign competition.
- We support restoration of America's place as a major sea power with a far-ranging merchant fleet.
- **The American Party** is for limiting immigration and requiring that all immigrants be carefully screened to guarantee the loyalty to the United States of all persons entering this country; and for deporting all illegal aliens.
- **The American Party** recommends that immediate action be taken to discharge all security risks in the Federal Government, particularly in the State Department.
- We support all necessary measures to provide full protection of the United States from any threat, within or without.
- We recommend that no disarmament treaties be maintained nor negotiated in the absence of full evidence of good faith by all concerned powers, including the right of full inspection.

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Fellow American:

Next year you and I face what could be the most critical period in our 200 year history as a Nation.

Let's be practical and try to anticipate what may happen in the unsettled political world in which we live. It is quite possible that Nelson Rockefeller will be nominated on the Republican ticket. If so, there will be mass defections from the GOP. As for the Democrats, they are facing the most divisive convention in their entire history. If George Wallace is disappointed in his quest for the nomination (and I predict that he will be), then there will be mass defections from that party also. Even without this event, it is quite likely that George Meany may walk out with labor, and as you know, among Negroes there is vast dissatisfaction with the Democratic party.

We may well face the breakup of both parties as we have known them for more than a century. If this happens, where are patriotic Americans who want to put America First going to go?

You can see that it is of overriding importance that we bend every effort at this time without any further delay to put the American Party on the ballot of every state. We must organize down to the grassroots level and we must build our party to the point that it can be the vehicle for a truly patriotic American candidate who will put the interests of you and me first and foremost in national and international affairs.

Many good candidates are under consideration already for our nomination: such outstanding American patriots as George Wallace, Ronald Reagan, Dr. John Grady, John Rarick, Senator Jesse Helms, Gov. Meldrim Thompson. Each one has much support and would bring in millions of voters from his respective party and from "Independents". But we cannot attract these men unless we are strong and have something significant to offer to them. This is why I am writing.

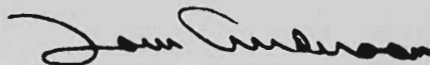
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I urge you to send a check for the largest amount you can at this critical time. We cannot wait until after the nomination. Too often it has been too little, too late; let's not let this happen again. Also, when you write please tell me that we can count on you in your local district to help build this party to the national stature that is its destiny.

I am waiting to hear from you. Please do not forget to fill out the questionnaire. Let's put the American Party on the map and let's win in '76!

Yours for victory,



Thomas J. Anderson
National Chairman

P.S. Please be sure to fill out **THE AMERICAN PARTY** Citizen Opinion Poll on the reverse side of your contribution card. These are but a few of the vital issues that concern every **AMERICAN** today, and **THE AMERICAN PARTY** will ask your opinion from time to time in order to determine the needs of every citizen.

If your contribution is \$25.00 or more you will receive a one year subscription to the monthly publication "The American Voice", which speaks the truth for all Americans.

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