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CAPE MAY COUNTY REGULAR REPUBLICAN ORGANIZATION

Gerard A. Desiderio Chairman

May 23, 1994

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Federal Election Commission 999 E Street, N.W. Washington, DC 20463

RE: Federal Election Law Violation Occurring In the 2nd Congressional District of New Jersey.

Dear Commissioner:

As the Chairman of the Cape May County Regular Republican Organization, I wish to submit the following complaint concerning possible violations of the Federal Election Commission's contribution and filing requirements.

Primary Election campaigns for the Republican Nomination for the Second Congressional District of New Jersey are currently being pursued by New Jersey State Senator Bill Gormley, New Jersey State Assemblyman Frank Lobiondo, and Pro-Life candidate Bob Green. The campaign has already been the subject of litigation brought on by Assemblyman Lobiondo and his supporters which was decided in favor of Senator Gormley and the Cape May County Regular Republican Organization. The Lobiondo Campaign is continuing its efforts toward nomination and it is my concern that Federal Election Law is being violated.

As Chairman of the Cape May County Regular Republican Organization, I ask that the Federal Election Commission accept the following complaint outlining possible Federal Election contribution violations and political organization registration violations.

COUNT ONE

Enclosed is a copy of an article from <u>The Press of Atlantic City</u> of May 13, 1994 (Exhibit A) which reports that an organization named the "Cape May County Real Republican Organization" raised \$3,300 at an April 23, 1994 fundraiser. The organization is headed by David Von Savage. The solicitation for this fundraiser (Exhibit B) states, "Come meet congressional candidate Frank LoBiondo and Freeholder Gary Jessel." According

In a separate letter signed by Mr. Von Savage (Exhibit D) on Stationary with the heading, "Real Republicans for LoBiondo, for Jessel & for Reform, " Mr. Von Savage writes: "On June 7th, Republican voters will choose between the Real Republicans for LoBiondo ticket, representing reform inside the government as well as inside our party, and the county organization under the Gormley column, representing power politics as usual - control by the elite, benefiting only a Mr. Von Savage writes that one of the strategies to be pursued, "Identifying and advancing Frank LoBiondo's campaign issues will also be key to our success." Mr. Von Savage goes on to write that Von Savage backed candidates should "talk up" Jessel's vote against the 1994 county budget increases as well as the fact that LoBiondo supported Governor Christie Whitman in her 1993 campaign. You will also find enclosed (Exhibit E) an invitation to a \$50.00 Thomason for "Republican United States House of Representatives

per person fundraiser being held at the home of Carlo Melini and Helen Candidate Frank A. LoBiondo and Republican Cape May County Freeholder and Candidate Gary Jessel." This invitation asks that checks be made payable to Cape May County Real Republicans.

You should note that along with the invitation is a letter signed by Mr. Melini that states, "we are in the midst of a Republican battle between the party bosses of the Bill Gormley campaign and the grass roots reform group of the Real Republicans for Frank LoBiondo and Gary Jessel."

The Press of Atlantic City article reports that a "review of Federal Election Commission files turns up no hint that the Cape May County Real Republican Organization is politically active. The organization has not filed as a political committee."

Additionally, the Press of Atlantic City report reveals that Von Savage admitted having communication with the treasurer of the "LoBiondo Committee to Change Congress" -- candidate Frank LoBiondo's congressional campaign committee.

The above actions clearly are intended to influence a Federal In this case, New Jersey's 2nd Congressional District Election. Republican Primary.

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The Cape May County Real Republican Organization must comply with election law that requires each organization that finances activity in connection with both Federal and non-Federal elections and which qualifies as a political committee shall either establish a separate federal account or establish a political committee which shall receive only contributions subject to the prohibitions and limitations of the Federal Election Commission.

Additionally, the Cape May County Real Republican Organization must comply with Federal Election law which states that any committee solicitation that makes reference to a federal candidate or a federal election shall be presumed to be for the purpose of influencing a federal election and contributions resulting from that solicitation shall be subject to the prohibitions and limitations of the Federal Election Commission.

I am also alarmed that there seems to be an appearance of cooperation between the Cape May County Real Republican Organization and the LoBiondo Committee to Change Congress. It is my understanding that committees that make independent expenditures are required to sign an oath that such expenditures are made entirely independent of the campaign committee and are not coordinated with the campaign committee.

COUNT TWO

In a letter to its members dated March 18, 1994 (Exhibit F), the Union League of Cape May County reported that a previous meeting had been held in February 1994 and that the Union League contributed the amount of \$1,000 to the LoBiondo for Congress Committee.

The Union League of Cape May County is not registered with the Federal Election Commission and designates itself as a "Republican Organization" on its letterhead.

The Union League of Cape May County (P.O. Box 24, Sea Isle City, New Jersey 08243) appears to be in violation of Federal Election law requiring political committees, clubs and associations to establish either a separate Federal account for contributions or a political committee that shall receive contributions subject to the prohibitions and limitations of the Federal Election Commission requirements.

Federal Election law also defines a political committee as any committee, club, association, or other group of persons which attempts to influence a federal election, and receives contributions aggregating in excess of \$1,000 or which makes expenditures aggregating in excess of \$1,000 during a calendar year.

The \$1,000 contribution and the cost of the mailer notifying Union League members of the contribution exceeds the \$1,000 limit and clearly places the Union League under the legal definition of a political committee.

The Federal Election Commission report of receipts and disbursements submitted by the LoBiondo Committee to Change Congress covering the period between January 1, 1994 and March 31, 1994 includes no entry for the contribution.

However, the Federal Election Commission report of receipts and disbursements submitted by the LoBiondo Committee to Change Congress during the 1992 Congressional campaign shows entries indicating receipt for two \$1,000 contributions. The first contribution is dated June 6, 1992 and the second contribution is dated October 20, 1992 (Exhibit G).

It appears that the LoBiondo Committee to Change Congress may have accepted a contribution which they were barred from accepting. However, there is neither an entry nor a notation on their latest report regarding the contribution.

The 1992 campaign reports show that contributions at that time were in fact accepted by the campaign committee. However, it is not clearly demonstrated that the LoBiondo Committee to Change Congress is lawfully permitted to accept such contributions from this organization since the Union League is not registered with the Federal Election Commission.

In light of the serious nature of this matter, I am asking the Commission to commence an investigation to determine the level of non-compliance with Federal Election law and regulation by the congressional campaign of Frank LoBiondo and the activities of David Von Savage and the Cape May County Real Republican Organization.

Since time is of the essence, I am asking that this matter be looked into immediately.

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Since ely,

Gerard A. Desiderio

Chairman, Cape May County Regular

Republican Organization

Sworn and subscribed to before me

this 23 en day of MAY

A.D. 1994

William Kohen Notary Public of New Jersey

MY COMMISSION EXPIRES 5-5-98

EXHIBIT A

Friday, May 13, 1994

Cape LoBiondo supporters shun PAC law

■ Materials put out by the Cape May County Real Republican Organization push LoBiondo's candidacy in the 2nd District congressional primary and attack his opponent. But the group insists there's no need to inform federal regulators.

By JOHN FROONJIAN Statehouse Bureau

A committee headed by Cape y Republican David Von Savage is promoting Frank LoBiondo's congressional candidacy, attacking his opponent and using LoBiondo's name to raise money.

However, a review of Federal Election Commission files turns up no hint that the Cape May County Real Republican Organization is politically active. The organization has not filed as a political committee.

FEC rules state that any group attempting to influence a federal election and which raises or spends more than \$1,000 must file as a political committee within 10 days, and then disclose its finances.

The Real Republicans for Lo-Biondo, for (Freeholder Gary) Jessel and for Reform, as the

organization calls itself, raised \$3.300 in a fund-raiser at Club Cheers in Wildwood on April 23, group chairman Von Savage said.

It spent about \$2,400 of that money on expenses, he said.

Von Savage's fund-raising materials for the event, billed in part as a chance to meet LoBiondo, urged participants to work on behalf of the state assembly

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as 2nd District congressional campaign.

The materials also criticized LoBiondo's GOP primary opponent, state Sen. William Gormley, R.Atlantic

LoBiondo's slogan on the June 7 ballot is the same as the name of Von Savage's group—"Real Republicans for Lobiondo and LoBiondo is running with a slate of Von Savage backed coun-

ty candidates

But Von Savage, who was involved in a 1991 effort to oust Gornley in a Senate primary, said his group does not have to file as a political commuttee with federal regulators.

The committee is not funding or advancing LoBiondo's campaign, and mention of his name is only incidental to the group's main cause of reforming govern-

ment, he said

Von Savage said he confirmed his interpretation of the FFC code with a reputable source. Drew McCrosson, treasurer of the LoBioude campaign

McCrosson faxed him a copy of parts of the code and advised

him. Von Savage said

"It's his opinion we don't have to file." Von Savage said

"Mention of federal candidates is incidental to their activities, which is reform of the Cape May County political arena," McCrosson said in a phone interview

The FEC does not comment on specific situations, and no complaint has been lodged with the regulators, about Von Savage's activities.

Requiring disclosure

FEC spokesman Ian Stirton said in general a group is considered a political committee that must file if it raises or sponds more than \$1,000 and tries to influence the outcome of a federal electron.

If the group is backing more than one candidate, the mency raised or spent is divided by the number of candidates to see if the pro-rated amount exceeds the \$1,000 threshold. Stirton said.

The purpose of requiring disclosure is to prevent shadowy campaign spending to occur away from public view.

In 1991, tens of thousands of dollars were funneled to a littleknown state Senate primary opponent of Germley's through two Cape May County political action committees.

Because the PACs failed to disclose their activities on deadline, the spending that helped Domenic Cappella almost beat Goruley wasn't evident until just before

ORGANIZATION'S STATEMENTS



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Itahan Night, All You Can Earl With Al Alberts and his world-famous orchestra on Saturday, April 23, at Chib Cheers, Holly Beach Malt, Wildwood, Come meet congressional candidate Frank LoBiondo and Freeholder Gary Jessel

■ Bill Corniey has voted to raise our taxes. Now Gorrilley wants us to believe he's some kind of fiscal conservative Republicant.

the primary date

Von Savage was paid \$1,400 by one of the PACs for advising Cappella

Von Savage, who is running to replace Cape May County GOP Chairman Gerard Desiderio, said his group will spend money on Jessel and his county party reform, but not I Biondo

On Wednesday, Von Savage said his group had earlier filed as a PAC with state election regulators because of spending for Jessel

An Flection Law Enforcement Commission official said documents were received Wednesday

We're primarily a vehicle for change within Cape May County. The fact that Frank is gratuitous by mentioned, in our opinion, does not require us to file with the FEC." Von Savage said.

"We're not doing anything for LoBiondo Funds are being used for Gary Jessel and Cape May County Real Republicans," Von Savage said

Requiring compliance

But the FEC does not require a committee to make donations to a caudidate before it has to file and disclose finances. If a group tries to influence the outcome of a federal election and raises more than \$1,000, it must comply, a spokesman said.

Activities on behalf of a candidate also have a value, under the FEC regulations. If an independent committee were found to be working directly with a candidate, the group's spending could be attributed to the candidate.

In an April 22 letter sent by Ven Savage to supporters of his Club Cheers event, the following politicking occurred

The stationery had the letter head "Real Republicans for Lo-Biomio, for Jessel and for Reform" in bold across the top

• Von Savage said in the June 7 primary, voters will pick between the LoBiondo "ticket" and "the county organization under the Gorinley column, representing power politics as usual — control by the clife, benefiting only a lew."

 Among strategies to be pursued, "Identifying and advancing Frank LoBiondo's campaign issues will also be key to our success," the letter said.

Won Savage-backed candidates should "talk up" Jessel's vote against 1994 county budget increases as well as the fact that LoBiondo supported Gov Christic Whitman in her 1993 campaign.

Criticizing opposition

In addition a two-sided flier mailed by Von Savage's group criticized Gormley individually for his past positions on tax issues

Gormley declined comment on Von Savage's activities.

Von Savage and McCrosson said the statements of support for LoBioudo and criticism of his opponent do not constitute attempts to influence the congressional primary vote.

"Nothing prohibits any organization from criticizing a candidate," McCrosson said.

"Frank is mentioned on the letterhead and mentioned in the letter, but the thrust is for reform in the party and county government." Von Savage said.

LoBiondo said he was assured by McCrosson's interpretation of the FEC code that there is no problem with the group's activi-

"I stand on what my treasurer says." LoBiondo said

says," LoBiondo sard "David (Von Savage) is one of many, many supporters. Eve asked support from many, many Republicans in Cape May County and he some of them," he said.

In responding to questions about his group. Von Savage said his group did the same thing the Cape May County Republican Committee did in October 1992, when LoBiondo first ran for Congress. The county GOP didn't file with the FEC, he said.

However, Desiderio noted different rules apply to county political parties that are essentially a branch of the state party and independently formed commit-

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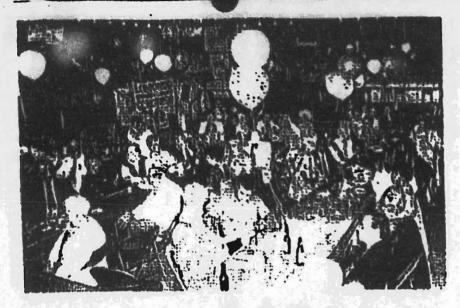
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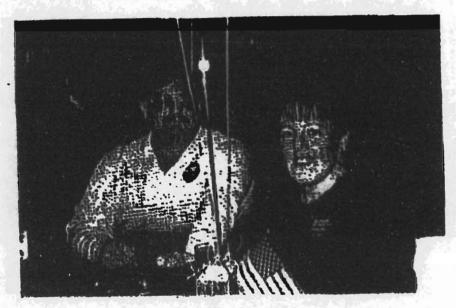
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on Saturday, April 23rd
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Frank Lo Biondo & Freeholder Gary Jessel

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"Real Republican" Fund-raiser For L Biondo & Jessel At "Cheers" A Huge Success

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Wildwood - The "Real Republican" fund-raiser held Cheers in Wildwest, for Assemblyman Frank LoBlondo Precholder Gary Jessel, was a huge success.

Led by Conservative David Von Savage, the "Re Republicans" organized this fund-tules event in just weeks - If you persevere, you will prevail, as evidenced? the amount of supporters. In attendance - some 300.

They refer to these events as "grassroots." Shi LoBlondo was ousted from the "Regular Republican Organization column," chaired by Gerard Desiderio, in the Julythury, LoBlondo will not get any money from the Regiar Republican Organization to defray enamping cost, evitioning this is his district. Cape May County Frecholds publicly endorsed Atlantic County Senator Bill Geombover LoBlondo. Thus, Gornley's empaign will be fund from the Cape May County "Regular Republican Organization".

Knowing this, Lo Blondo, along with his surpeers, have been raising needed delines by organizing one grassroot fund-raising events, involving many recepte, so as the latest one at Cheers.

Photos by Diane 1. Fakey
Center picture are: Dennis Township Municipal
Cammittee Members Barbara and Keith Collins

LoBiondo Against Any Tax To Finance Health Care

(Continued from from page) Cape May County - pers which not have access to be the care." LoBlando said. "A to propose rising taxes and seeking small businesses we expensive government mandates is unconsciouable. It skyrocketing unemployment economic disaster that this versue will only worken the health care alloution."

LoBlondo was commenting on speech given by a Democrat Congression from Illinois to the Harvard School Public Health, in which Rostenkowski called for massiax increases and expensive new mandates that will characters kebs

"Dan Rostenkowski bas defined the issue - It do not matter to him which tax is raised as long as it is massly LeBlondo said. "In like words, it is time from Democrats belly up to the bar."

"I think Rostenkowski and the Democrate show look at the clock - because it is well past closing the LoBlondo said. "They've been beliying up to the but for thong now and we have been paying the tab."

LoBlordo altrichallenged his exponent to reject?
Rostenkowski (ax increases by signing the American's 'Tax Reform 'Taxpayer Protection Fledge."

LoBlondo also said that Rostenkowski's propsi-

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Real Republicans For Lo Biondo, For Jessel & For Reformation

April'22, 1994

Dear Friends:

On June 7th, Republican voters will choose between the gar? Republicans for Lobiando ticket, representing reform inside the government as well as inside our party, and the county organization under the dermiey column, representing "power politics as usual" -- control by the slite, benefiting only a few.

Our referm platform will change that. We are for tax cuts. He are for the elimination of wasteful spending. We are for property rights. And we are for the end of political arrogance.

Reform in the system will encourage more citizen participation and raise public confidence. Austority on the pocketbook issues as the number one campaign issue across the country. Voters will support our reform platform but it's up to each one of us to communicate our message to all Republicans, within our cyn municipalities and throughout the county.

I know that we can count on the untixing support of Senator James Caffero to promote our platform and campaign for our local candidates. Identifying and advancing Frank LoBiondo's campaign issues will also be key to our success -- we know he has strong grassroots appeal throughout the county. County committee candidates should "talk up" Gary Jessel's vote against the 1994 county budget increases. Voters must also know that it was clear Caffero, Frank LoSiondo and Cary Jessel worked hard for Govern Whitman, who is now being touted as a possible vice-president candidate for the '96 election for making good on her tax out promises.

In addition to these strong assets for our side, the other side is irrefutably bogged down with a considerable number of "negatives" in their corner. First and foremost is Bill Sturm. I don't think there is a voter in the county who hasn't had some exposure -- either directly, secondhand, or via the newspapers -- to his arrogance and bossism. Remember, this is the man who barely won his last re-election battle by three hundred votes -- after twenty years in office. Bill Sturm is the epitome of the Chiff politician who is now being thrown out of office because the voter. simply won't put up with the cronyism anymore.

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在"自然是是是他们是"在一次 The other side has two other "veighty" negatives in Maurice Catargie and Phyllis Senevese. The fact that these two "chuqs" have been allowed to represent the interests of the sounty erganization speaks volumes of the character of their side. We all know of how these two have threatened just about everyone who tries to stand up to them.

Tts equally important that the voters realize just how good politics has been to them. For instance, Maurice pulls in ever a quarter of a million of our sounty tax dollars annually for himself and family in salaries and benefits:

Maurice -- \$48,000, Bridge Commission salary, \$8000 for his county our and \$15,300 for his park security salary, his with Roxanne has a \$42,000 package; Roxanne's sister, Darlens Rigario ... a \$24,000 package to work in the Personnel Office; Roxanne's brother, Clinton Clement works for Creat Maven to the tune of about \$20,000; Roxane's other sister, Linds -- about \$35,000 in malary plus \$5000 benefits as an employee for Maurice's Bridge Consisting Roxanne's niace -- about \$15,000 including benefits for working in the Computer office; Maurice's Sister-in-law, Mary Lee Robinson -a cool \$35,800 in compensation and bennies; and Haurice's brother-in-law, Beach Fox is eltting pretty on the MUA with about \$12,000 in compensation.

Please make every effort to be at this faturday's Procking's Club meeting (9 AM, Avalon Country Club). We will be focusing on our campaign strategy for the June 7th county committee election - I value your input on this all-important matter.

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I am enclosing a ticket for our Saturday "All You Can Dat Italian Hight" at Club Cheers. It's a great value at \$10, so please make a consitment to bring at least two other quests with you. This is our alternative fundraiser to the county's annual dinner taking place at Convention Hall that night, so it is imperative we have a great crowd!

Lastly, on a personal note, I would like to give a special thanks to beg and Tony for the wonderful surprise birthday pact given for me at the Virginia Hotel this past Honday night. I have a great time being "ressted" by the "likes" of Desiderio, Gornley and their orew. Host of all, I do so much appreciate everyone who dame out to celebrate with me and for your generalty -- yout support means a lot to our "cause." But as usual the distortions about me continue... I AM ONLY 39 | REALLY!

Hope to see you saturday morning and evening!

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Carlo Melini 11 Hummingbird Avenue Petersburg, New Jersey 08270 May 11, 1994 Dent As you are probably sware, we are in the midst of a Republican battle between the party bosses of the Bill Cormley campaign and the grass roots reform group of the Real Republicans for Frank LoBiondo and Gary Jessel. It is most critical that we are able to get our message to the people that we are for lover taxes, less government and putting an end to party bosses and cronylam. Unfortunately, it is quite costly to produce the newspaper, television and radio spots necessary for an effective campaign. On Saturday, May 22, 1994, from 5:30 to 7:30PM, I will be hosting a "Meet the Candidates" affair at my home at 11 Hummingbird Avenue, Intersburg, located off Rt. 610 in the Southwoods V development. I am hoping to raise some money for our campaign. I have enclosed some tickets. It would be a tramendous help for the candidates and the cause if you could purchase what you can and perhaps pass some on to a friend who might be interested. M 4 Your contributions are most needed and greatly appreciated. 0 Besides an opportunity to raise money, I think you'll enjoy the affair. I promise there will be no long speeches, just an 5 informal gathering with some good homemade Italian specialties. Thank you for whatever help you can offer. Please make your check payable to the Real Republicans and mail it to me at my home address. Thank you, Carlo Melini

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Helen Thomason

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Homemade Italian fest

Sunday, May 22, 1994

5:30 to 7:30 PM

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11 Hummingbird Avenue Petersburg, New Jersey

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Republican United States

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Candidate

Frank A. LoBiondo

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Republican Cape May
County Freeholder
and Candidate
Gary Jessel

\$50.00 per person Checks should be made payable to Cape May County Real Republicans

RS VPBy May 16, 1994

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EXHIBIT F

Dear Dr. Costino:

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I am happy to report to the general membership the following; there was a unanimous agreement by the individual 28 members present at our February meeting that we should all support Frank in his race for the Congressional seat. It was pointed out that Frank has been our Assemblyman since 1988 and has done an excellent job. In addition, Frank is a member of the Union League and the only announced candidate who is a member.

While the Union League as an organization does not endorse candidates in a primary, the individual members voted to give LoBiondo For Congress Committee, a \$1,000.00 contribution. The vote was unanimous.

The complete minutes will be presented at the March 25, 1994 meeting.

Also submitted herewith is the Treasurer's Report as of March 1, 1994.

Respectfully Submitted,

Allen H. Vernon, Jr. Secretary Cape May County Union League



of Cape May County, P.O. Box 24, See lele City, N.J. 08243

March 18, 1994

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Dear Union League Member:

Our next meeting of the Cape May County Union League will be held at the Tuckahoe Inn on March 25, 1994 with cocktails at 6:30 P.M. and dinner at 7:00 P.M.

As you are all aware, there are important events occurring in our county which demands our attention and participation. Our last meeting was very fruitful, and future meetings of the Union League should be both informative, interesting and cogent with respect to the future of South Jersey.

Please make every effort to attend this meeting and bring a friend with you who you would consider to become a member of our Union League.

Very Truly Yours,

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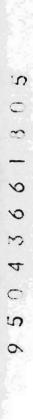
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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

WASHINGTON DC 20463

JUNE 1, 1994

Gerard A. Desiderio, Chairman Cape May County Regular Republican Organization 6400 Landis Avenue Sea Isle City, NJ 08243

RE:

MUR 3978

Dear Mr. Desiderio:

This letter acknowledges receipt on May 24, 1994, of your complaint alleging possible violations of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended ("the Act"). The respondent(s) will be notified of this complaint within five days.

You will be notified as soon as the Federal Election Commission takes final action on your complaint. Should you receive any additional information in this matter, please forward it to the Office of the General Counsel. Such information must be sworn to in the same manner as the original complaint. We have numbered this matter MUR 3978. Please refer to this number in all future communications. For your information, we have attached a brief description of the Commission's procedures for handling complaints.

Sincerely,

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Mary L. Taksar, Attorney Central Enforcement Docket

Enclosure Procedures



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

WASHINGTON D.C. 20463

JUNE 1, 1994

Executive Director Cape May County Real Republican Organization 605 St. James Place Cape May, NJ 08204

RE:

MUR 3978

Dear Sir or Madam:

The Federal Election Commission received a complaint which indicates that the Cape May County Real Republican Organization and you, as Executive Director, may have violated the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended ("the Act"). A copy of the complaint is enclosed. We have numbered this matter MUR 3978. Please refer to this number in all future correspondence.

Under the Act, you have the opportunity to demonstrate in writing that no action should be taken against the Cape May County Real Republican Organization in this matter. Please submit any factual or legal materials which you believe are relevant to the Commission's analysis of this matter. Where appropriate, statements should be submitted under oath. Your response, which should be addressed to the General Counsel's Office, must be submitted within 15 days of receipt of this letter. If no response is received within 15 days, the Commission may take further action based on the available information.

This matter will remain confidential in accordance with 2 U.S.C. \$ 437g(a)(4)(B) and \$ 437g(a)(12)(A) unless you notify the Commission in writing that you wish the matter to be made public. If you intend to be represented by counsel in this matter, please advise the Commission by completing the enclosed form stating the name, address and telephone number of such counsel, and authorizing such counsel to receive any notifications and other communications from the Commission.

Executive Director Cape May County Real Republican Organization Page 2 If you have any questions, please contact Joan McEnery at (202) 219-3400. For your information, we have enclosed a brief description of the Commission's procedures for handling complaints. Sincerely, many &. Tahoan Mary L. Taksar, Attorney Central Enforcement Docket Enclosures 1. Complaint 2. Procedures 3. Designation of Counsel Statement 3 V O M 4 C S 0



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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

WASHINGTON DC 20461

JUNE 1, 1994

Executive Director Union League of Cape May County P.O. Box 24 Sea Isle City, NJ 08243

RE:

MUR 3978

Dear Sir or Madam:

The Federal Election Commission received a complaint which indicates that the Union League of Cape May County and you, as Executive Director, may have violated the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended ("the Act"). A copy of the complaint is enclosed. We have numbered this matter MUR 3978. Please refer to this number in all future correspondence.

Under the Act, you have the opportunity to demonstrate in writing that no action should be taken against the Union League of Cape May County in this matter. Please submit any factual or legal materials which you believe are relevant to the Commission's analysis of this matter. Where appropriate, statements should be submitted under oath. Your response, which should be addressed to the General Counsel's Office, must be submitted within 15 days of receipt of this letter. If no response is received within 15 days, the Commission may take further action based on the available information.

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

WASHINGTON D.C. 20463

JUNE 1, 1994

Andrew J. McCrosson, Jr., Treasurer LoBiondo Committee to Change Congress P.O. Box 775 Marmora, NJ 08223

RE:

MUR 3978

Dear Mr. McCrosson:

The Federal Election Commission received a complaint which indicates that LoBiondo Committee to Change Congress ("Committee") and you, as treasurer, may have violated the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended ("the Act"). A copy of the complaint is enclosed. We have numbered this matter NUR 3978. Please refer to this number in all future correspondence.

Under the Act, you have the opportunity to demonstrate in writing that no action should be taken against the Committee and you, as treasurer, in this matter. Please submit any factual or legal materials which you believe are relevant to the Commission's analysis of this matter. Where appropriate, statements should be submitted under oath. Your response, which should be addressed to the General Counsel's Office, must be submitted within 15 days of receipt of this letter. If no response is received within 15 days, the Commission may take further action based on the available information.

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VINCENT L. LAMANNA, JR.

4400 LANDIS AVENUE P. O. BCX 166 SEA ISLE CITY, NEW JERSEY 06243 (600) 263-1116 FAX: 263-2266 Mar 27 8 49 MM *94

VINCENT L. LAMANNA, JR.
PATRICK P. MARTIN*
MARK P. DELORENZO*
*ALSO MEMBER PA BAR

May 24, 1994

AVALON OFFICE.
2123 DUNE DRIVE
SUITE 22
AVALON, NEW JERSEY 08202

REPLY TO SEA ISLE CITY OFFICE

Federal Election Commission Reports and Analyst Division 999 E Street Washington, DC 20463

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Re: Cape May County Real Republican Organization

Gentlemen:

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Please be advised that this office represents the Cape May County Real Republican Organization (CMCRRO).

In an effort to determine whether the organization qualifies for filing with your Agency, one of its officers spoke with one of your representative and advised them of the nature of the activity and funds expended to date and contributions to date and were advised preliminarily that the organization did not qualify for filing under the appropriate regulations. That individual suggested that a package of campaign material and other information relating to the organization be forwarded to the FEC with a request for a determination as to whether the organization is a candidate for filing at this time.

Accordingly, I am enclosing herewith the following:

- (a) Copy of letter from David Von Savage, Chairman to me dated May 23, 1994 with enclosures including list of expenditures as well as a list of receipts and a specimen campaign advertisement.
- (b) Miscellaneous fund raising activities including tickets and invitations, etc.

Federal Election Commission May 24, 1994 Page Two The organization wishes to be in compliance with the appropriate regulations, however, if it does not qualify for filing as indicated preliminarily by one of your representatives, it does not wish to file unnecessarily. Any assistance from your office in this regard would be greatly appreciated. very traly yours, VINCENT L. LAMANNA JR. VLL: ljj Enclosures cc: Mr. David Von Savage Mrs. Peg Emberger 0 V VO M D 0 S 0

Real Republicans For Lo Biondo, For Jessel & For Reform

Nay 23, 1994

Mr. Vincent L. Lamanna, Jr. Attorney at Law 4400 Landis Avenue Sea Isle City, New Jersey 08243

Dear Vince:

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On May 6, 1994, the Cape May County Real Republican Organization (CMCRRO) filed with the New Jersey Election Law Enforcement Commission as an on-going political committee (see attached).

The CMCRRO was organized to help elect some 155 county committee candidates and to support Gary Jessel, an incumbent Republican Freeholder, who is seeking his party's renomination in the June 7, 1994 primary election.

All 155 county committee candidates and Mr. Jessel are running for elected office under the slogan Real Republicans for LoBiondo in column three on the ballot. Assemblyman Frank LoBiondo is seeking the Republican Party nomination on June 7th for the U.S. House of Representatives.

Since April 14, 1994, the final date of petition filing for the county committee, freeholder and congressional candidates, the CMCRRO has expended a total of \$5,595.90.

The exact nature of these expenditures are identified on the attached statement of account titled <u>Disbursements Paid by David Von Savage for Club Cheers Benefit</u>.

In addition, I have attached a copy of each corresponding promotional expenditure for your review. I have tried to cross reference each ad with each expenditure.

The newsletter represents the largest single expenditure of the CMCRRO - \$2,952.00 and \$336.00 for postage and \$700.00 for printing (included within the \$1,018.18 payment on 5/16/94 to Printing Express).

(next page, please)

Mr. Vincent L. Lamanna, Jr. May 23, 1994 For your information, the weekly letters dated April 22, 1994 through May 20, 1994 are mailed exclusively to some two hundred members of the CMCRRO and not to the general public (postage paid by Tony Disimone \$232 as an in-kind contribution). It is my opinion that the CMCRMO does not have to file any documentation with the PBC as a PAC or as any other type of ongoing political committee because we have not expended in excess of \$1,000 on behalf of congressional candidate Frank LoBiondo. The CMCRRO will not be making a contribution to Mr. LoBiondo's congressional campaign. Based on our total expenditure of \$5,595.90 and the fact that we have approximately 155 county committee candidates, a freeholder candidate and a congressional candidate, the pro-rata allocation which thus far has been expended on behalf of Mr. LoBiondo is only S \$35.64 (\$5,595.90 divided by 157 candidates = \$35.64). Should the CMCRRO ever meet the \$1,000 threshold FEC reporting requirement on behalf of Mr. LoBiondo, our organisation will immediately file any and all of the necessary documentation with 00 the PEC to satisfy their regulations. 0 On Friday, May 20, 1994, Peg Emberger, Vice-Chair of the CMCRRO, was in phone communication with Mr. Steve Penske from the O FEC to obtain a written opinion from him concerning our position, that based on the foregoing information, we do not have to file. 3 Although Mr. Penske agreed verbally that we did not have to V file, he was unwilling to reduce his opinion to writing until such time as he had the opportunity to review all of our written campaign material. We fully understand his position in this regard. 0 S I appreciate your cooperation in forwarding to Mr. Penske a 0 copy of my letter along with all of the previously referenced material so that we may hopefully obtain his written opinion in a timely manner. Again, thank you very much for your help. Very truly yours, David I. Von Savage Chairman VS/ file: FEC

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Re-Elect Jessel for Freeholder Send 'em a Message Banquet

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May 20th Friday - 6:45 pm - Cocktails

Captain Mac's Banquet Hall

(at 2nd Avenue, North Wildwood)

Senator James Cafiero - Master of Ceremonies \$25 per couple Full Course Dinner

Ordered and Paid For By:

CAPE MAY COUNTY REAL REPUBLICAN ORGANIZATION

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JUNE 7 VOTE FOR... REAL REPUBLICAN GARY JESSEL *



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JESSEL., LEADERSHIP & EXPERIENCE

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In the summer of 1991, Freeholder candidate Mark Videtto amounced that he was stopping down as the Ocean City Fitness Center Chairman, citing the center's growth beyond his ability to oversee it.

Then it was discovered that the county GRAND JURY INDICTED the center director and bookliseper on charges of theft by deception of amounts totaling more than \$57.000.00.

"One must ask for much more common sense and caution of those the serve their community."

chiles Lorder 12/19/91

Coursincere hope is that in the future, if [Mark Videtto] wishes to remain in positions of public trust, that he be forthright and open..."

[Sunfine] Lodger 6/28/91

CAN CAPE MAY COUNTY VOTERS AFFORD TO "JUST ASSUME" THAT MARK VIDETTO HAS WHAT IT TAKES TO OVER-SEE THE COUNTY'S BUDGET OF 22 MILLION DOLLARS?

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VOTE TUESDAY JUNE 7TH FOR ★ LEADERSHIP & EXPERIENCE ★

(Builtoni and paid (for by: The Cape May County Real Republican Organization).
Martin (Peglingh), Treasurer

Committee 6-105

SENATOR CAFTERO TO SERVE AS FREEHOLDER JESSEL'S CAMPAIGN MANAGER

In addition to the full support of Sensior Cafero and congressional candidate and Assemblyman Frank LoBiondo, Jesuel has the public support of the following elected officials, political organizations, and trade group-Mayor Marry Paglinghi of Aralon, Mayor Aldo Palombo of North Wiktwood, Deputy Mayor Sarge O'Shea of Lower Township, Council President Ray Smith of a Aralon, Council President Miles Gentile of Wildwood, Council President Anthony Saduk of Woodbine, Council President President Mayor Saduk of Woodbine, Council President President Mayor Saduk of Woodbine, Council President Saduk of Woodbine, Cou

Send 'em A Message . . .

VOTE JESSEL

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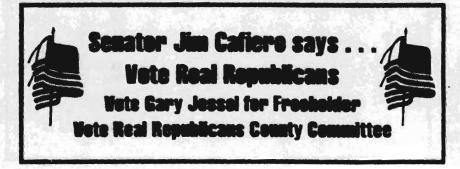
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Republican Primary

SENATOR CAFIERO, FREHOLDER JESSEL & REAL REPUBLICANS STAND UP TO THE REPUBLICAN ESTABLISHMENT

dent Walt Larcombe of North Wildwood, Vice President of Council Chuck Covington of Awlon, Coucilmonson Nancy Hudanich of Awlon, Commissioner Mille McHale of Sea Isle City, Councilmon Dick Dean of Awlon, Councilmon James Lemma of Wildwood, Councilmon Pere Holicombe of Wildwood, Councilmon Joe Fox of Cape May, Lower Township Real Republican Organization, Stone Harbor Republican Club, Cape May City Regular Republican Organization, and the Ocean City Board of Realiors.

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Cape May County Real Republican Organisation





Nothing is More Powerful than Truth - Daniel Webster

THERE IS A DIFFERENCE

"REAL" VERSUS "REGULAR"
REPUBLICANS - COME JUNE 7TH YOU
HAVE A CHOICE

The Real Republicans ticket represents reform inside our government and party. The Regular Republican Organization under the Gormley column represents "power politics as usual" - control by the elite to benefit only a few.

There is a split in the county GOP party, but the split is disproportionately in favor of the Real Republicans in numbers, commitment, ideas and enthusiasm. Gormley's side is comprised of the Froeholders plus a number of county employees, many of them coerced for their support. The other side lead by the Real Republicans for LoBiondo which enjoys widespread grassroots support for real reform. One undesiable truth, the votets are tised of political arrogence.

GORMLEY WOTES 118 TIMES TO RAISE STATE TAXES!

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TIME TO CLEAN OUT THE COURT HOUSE CAREER POLITICIANS FORGET THE PEOPLE

JESSEL ALONE STAND US FOR TAXPAYERS AND VOTES NO AGAINST 34 BUDGET INCREASES

If there were a "Truth-in-Politics Act" as there is in lending. Freeholder Director Bill Sturm would be subject to some heavy fines. Under his leadership, our county budget has increased from \$36,699,290 in 1984 to \$82,713,866. If this trend continues unchecked, look for a \$164,000,000 budget in ten years!

On the other hand, the Real Republicans for LoBiondo are for tax cuts, we are for the elimination of wasteful spending, we are for property rights. Gary Jessel cast the lone vote against the \$3,206,169 spending increase for the 1994 county budget. Freeholder Jessel said "If Atlantic County can reduce it's budget by \$2.5 million this year alone, why is Cape May County raising its taxes?"

BILL STURM USES COUNTY DOLLARS TO PAY BACK POLITICAL CRONY

REPUBLICAN STATE
COMMITTEEMAN MAURICE
CATARCIO & FAMILY GET OVER
ONE-QUARTER MILLION IN
TAXPAYER DOLLARS ANNUALLY

True to his former Democrat roots. Bill Sturm has built his power hase and control over party members by doling out jobs and padding the county payrolls with payhacks to all his political allies. Republican crony and political henchman Maurice Catarcio enjoys a lat paycheck each week from county taxpayers, plus he has a county car, plus he has a mobile car phone, plus great health benefits, plus a great pension system. In fact, Maurice and his family are paid over one-quarter of a million dollars annually from county taxpayers. Right now there are eight, count 'em, eight family members on the county payroll! Not bad. Government is good for Maurice. Is it good for you?

Send on gonessage - Vote Jessel





FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

WASHINGTON D.C. 20461

JUNE 15, 1994

Vincent L. Lamanna, Jr. 4400 Landis Avenue P.O. Box 165 Sea Isle City, NJ 08243

RE: MUR 3978

Dear Mr. Lamanna:

This letter acknowledges receipt of the May 24, 1994, letter, addressed to the Reports Analysis Division of the Federal Election Commission ("Commission"), which you sent on behalf of your client, the Cape May County Real Republican Organization. Your letter was forwarded to the Enforcement Division.

Prior to the letter being forwarded to the Enforcement Division, on June 1, 1994, the Commission notified the Cape May Real Republican Organization of a complaint which had been filed in a matter designated MUR 3978.

Therefore, your May 24, 1994, letter will be considered along with any response which is submitted regarding the complaint. Additionally, one of the attachments to the May 24, 1994, letter makes reference to Mr. Steve Penske of the Federal Election Commission. No such employee works at the Commission and I do not know who Mr. Penske is.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Mary Taksar at (202) 219-3690.

Sincerely,

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Associate General Counsel

RECEIVED FEDERAL ELECTION AOMMISSION LAW OFFICES VINCENT L. LAMANNA, JR. Jun 15 8 00 MM "94 4400 LANDIS AVENUE P. O. BOX 166 SEA ISLE CITY, NEW JERSEY 06243 (000) 263-1118 MX: 263-2266 AVALON OFFICE: VINCENT L LAMANNA JR. 2123 DUNE DRIVE PATRICK F. MARTINO SUITE 22 MARK P. DELORENZO" AVALON, NEW JERSEY 08202 June 10, 1994 ALSO MEMBER PA BAR REPLY TO SEA ISLE CITY OFFICE Federal Election Commission Enforcement Division Office of the General Counsel 999 E Street Washington, DC 20463 Cape May County Real Republican Organization MUR 3978 00 Dear Sir/Madam: Please be advised that this office represents the respondent with respect to the above-referenced matter. Accordingly, enclosed herewith is the respondent's executed statement of designation of 10 counsel. On June 7, 1994, this office received your notice indicating that the complaint was received by the Federal Election Commission. It is my understanding that a response is due within fifteen (15) days of that date. A formal response will be forthcoming within that period of time. tin Thank you for your attention to this matter. O Very truly yours, MARK P. DELORENZO MPD/bl Enclosure cc: David Von Savage

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STATEMENT OF DESIGNATION OF COUNSEL

	4400 Landis Avenue
	P.O. Box 165
	Sea Isle City, NJ 08243
ELEPHON	B:(<u>609</u>) <u>263-1118</u>
The	above-named individual is hereby designated as my
counsel	and is authorized to receive any notifications and ot
ommuni	cations from the Commission and to act on my behalf
6/6/	gy Signature
RESPOND	ENT'S NAME: DAVIS VON SAVAGE
	605 St. JAMES Place
ADDRESS	Cape May 08204

RECEIVED FERENAL ELECTION MOTT, VERNON AND MOTT ATTORNEYS AT LAW THE BOURSE BUILDING 8th STREET & ASBURY AVENUE JUN 16 9 09 11 THIRD PLOOR P. O. BOX 385 JOEL A. MOTT, I OCEAN CITY, NEW JERSEY 08226-0385 JOEL A. MOTT, JR. ALLEN H. VERNON, JR OF COUNSEL (609) 399-7577 JEFFERSON A. MOTT PAX (609) 391-9265 June 13, 1994 Federal Election Commission 999 E. Street, NW Washington, DC 20463 Attention: Joan McEnery Re: MUR 3978 Dear Ms. McEnery: In reference to the above, I am providing you with a Statement of Designation of Counsel. I respectfully request an extension of time to demonstrate in writing that no action should be taken against the Union League of Cape May County in this matter. The reason for the request is that the correspondence date June 1, 1994 was sent to an executive 1director of the Union League at Post Office Box 24. The Union League has no such position and the box was not opened until approximately June 10, 1994. As such I am just recently receiving 5 this information. An extension of fifteen days would be helpful. It is my understanding this matter will remain confidential. Thank you for your assistance in this regard. Very truly yours, MOTT, VERNON AND MOTT allen & Vernon Je Allen H. Vernon, Jr.

STATEMENT OF DESIGNATION OF COUNSEL

MUR 3978	
NAME OF COUNSE	EL: MOTT, VERNON AND MOTT
ADDRESS: 8tl	h & Asbury Avenue, The Bourse Bldg., Third Floor
P.0	D. Box 385
000	ean City, New Jersey 08226
TELEPHONE: (6	09) 399-7577
	e-named individual is hereby designated as my
	s authorized to receive any notifications and other
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Date Con	Signature Allen H. Vernon, Jr., Secretary for Union League of Cape May County
RESPONDENT'S	NAME: Union League of Cape May County
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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

JUNE 16, 1994

Allen H. Vernon, Jr., Esq.
Mott, Vernon and Mott
8th Street & Asbury Avenue
The Bourse Building, Third Floor
P.O. Box 385
Ocean City, NJ 08226

RE: MUR 3978
Union League of Cape May
County

Dear Mr. Vernon:

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This is in response to your letter dated June 13, 1994, requesting an extension of 10 days to respond to the complaint filed in the above-noted matter. After considering the circumstances presented in your letter, the Office of the General Counsel has granted the requested extension. Accordingly, your response is due by the close of business on July 5, 1994.

If you have any questions, please contact Joan McEnery at (202) 219-3400.

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

JUNE 16! 1994

Mark P. DeLorenzo, Esq. Law Offices of Vincent L. LaManna, Jr. 4400 Landis Avenue P.O. Box 165 Sea Isle City, N.J. 08243

RE: MUR 3978
David Von Savage and
Andrew I. McCrosson

Dear Mr. DeLorenzo:

This is in response to your letter dated June 15, 1994, requesting a two week extension to respond to the complaint filed in the above-noted matter. After considering the circumstances presented in your letter, the Office of the General Counsel has granted the requested extension. Accordingly, your response is due by the close of business on July 5, 1994.

If you have any questions, please contact Joan McEnery at (202) 219-3400.

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RECEIVED FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISCION ADMINISTRATIVE DUISING LAW OFFICES VINCENT L. LAMANNA, JR. Jun 20 9 10 M '94 4400 LANDES AVENUE P. O. BOR MAS SEA ISLE CITY, NEW JERSEY 08243 (600) 263-1118 PAX: 263-2266 VINCENT L. LAMANNA, JR. AVALON OFFICE: PATRICK F. MARTIN' 2123 DUNE DRIVE MARK P. DELORENZO SUITE 22 June 15, 1994 ALSO MEMBER PA BAR AVALON, NEW JERSEY 06202 REPLY TO SEA ISLE CITY OFFICE Pederal Election Commission Enforcement Division Office of the General Counsel 999 E. Street Washington, D. C. 20463 Attention: Mary L. Taksar, Esquire M Re: MUR 3978 00 Dear Mrs. Taksar: V Please be advised that this office represents respondents Mr. David Von Savage in his capacity as Executive Director of the Cape 0 May County Real Republican Organization; and Mr. Andrew I. McCrosson, Jr., in his capacity as Treasurer of the LoBiondo Committee to Change Congress, with respect to the above referenced M 4 matter. Accordingly, enclosed herewith is Mr. McCrosson's executed designation of counsel. Mr. Von Savage's executed designation of 0 counsel was provided previously under cover letter dated June 10, 1994. S On behalf of both respondents, I am requesting a two (2) week 0 extension of time within which to respond to the complaint. The additional time is necessary to gather all of the necessary information and assemble all of the pertinent documents. It is my understanding that I will be notified in writing if this request is granted and, if so, will be advised of the new date.

Pederal Election Commission June 15, 1994 Page Two Thank you for your cooperation and attention to this matter. Very truly yours, MARK P DE LORENZO MPD:mkh Enclosure Transmitted by Fax and Regular Mail cc: Mr. David Von Savage Mr. Andrew McCrosson v V m 4 0 S 0

STATEMENT OF DESIGNATION OF COUNSEL

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ADDRESS:	4400 Landis Avenue
	P. O. Box 165
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TELEPHONE: (609) 263-1118
The above-n	amed individual is hereby designated as my
counsel and is a	uthorized to receive any notifications and ot
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AVALON, NEW JERSEY 08202

June 30, 1994

REPLY TO SEA ISLE CITY OFFICE

Federal Election Commission Enforcement Division Office of the General Counsel 999 E. Street Washington, D.C. 20463

Attention: Mary L. Taksar, Esquire

Re: MUR 3978

Dear Mrs. Taksar:

Please accept this response on behalf of the respondents, Mr. David Von Savage in his capacity as Executive Director of the Cape May County Real Republicans Organization (CMCRRO) and Mr. Andrew J. McCrosson, Jr. in his capacity as Treasurer of the LoBiondo Committee to Change Congress, to the Complaint filed in the above referenced matter. In addition, we have provided certifications from both respondents in support of this response. Also, we were advised that a previous submission in the form of a letter from this office with several attachments, dated May 24, 1994, would be considered along with this response.

Moreover, attached to this response is an original letter from the Complainant, Gerard A. Desiderio, requesting that the Complaint be withdrawn and that no further action be taken in this matter. It is my understanding that Mr. Desiderio, in addition to providing his letter to us to be attached to our response, he is sending a second original directly to the FEC for their review.

Upon review of the procedures for processing complaints filed with the Federal Election Commission, the Commission's initial task is to determine whether or not there is reason to believe that the Complaint sets forth a possible violation of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971. It is respectfully submitted that the Complaint does not set forth any credible facts that would allow the Commission to find reason to believe that there has been a violation of the Act. As stated in Mr. Desiderio's request to withdraw the Complaint, he based the majority of his allegations upon what turned out to be inaccurate newspaper articles.

Pederal Election Commission Enforcement Division Office of the General Counsel June 30, 1994 Page 2

As alluded to in the second paragraph in page one of the Complaint filed by Gerard A. Desiderio, the Primary Election Campaigns for the Republican Nomination for the Second Congressional District of New Jersey was a hard fought political battle. This Primary Election created a severe rift in the Cape May County Republicans. The Complaint, at the time of filing, was designed as a political tool filed for the benefit of the media prior to the Primary Election.

The Complaint alleges possible violations of contribution and filing requirements. However, the Complaint does not cite to any specific statute or regulation that has been violated. This "shotgun" approach is unfair and inappropriate. The fact that Mr. Desiderio has provided a sworn complaint is of little value; he provides no facts that he must stand behind. In addition, his investigation since filing the Complaint, as indicated in his letter requesting the Complaint to be withdrawn, has revealed that there were in fact no irregularities.

It appears that Mr. Desiderio is alleging that the CMCRRO is a political committee as defined in 2 U.S.C. sec. 431 and must therefore register with the FEC in accordance with 2 U.S.C. sec. 433. As such, it should be made clear that the CMCRRO did in fact file a Statement of Organization with the FEC on May 16, 1994, in accordance with 2 U.S.C. sec. 433. Therefore, the allegation as to possible violations of filing requirements is baseless. The FEC Form-1 that was filed is attached as exhibit "B" to Mr. Von The CMCRRO filed from an abundance of Savage's certification. caution because they were unsure if it was necessary to file. Enclosed with their Statement of Organization was a request for guidance from the FEC as to whether or not filing was in fact necessary and if so, did they file correctly. It was the opinion of Mr. Von Savage that filing with the FEC was not necessary because the CMCRRO did not fall within the definition of a political committee as defined by the Act.

The CMCRRO filed with the FEC even though the CMCRRO has not expended in excess of \$1,000.00 on behalf of congressional candidate Frank LoBiondo nor has it made a contribution to Frank LoBiondo's campaign.

It is clear that the CMCRRO's purpose was for the election of committee persons and County Freeholder and that all funds raised by the CMCRRO would be used for this purpose. Mr. LoBiondo had his own campaign manager and own fund raising activities separate and apart from the CMCRRO's activities.

Federal Election Commission Enforcement Division Office of the General Counsel June 30, 1994 Page 3 Mr. Desiderio's statement that "there seems to be an appearance of cooperation between the CMCRRO and the LoBiondo Committee to Change Congress" is entirely unfounded. This statement is made based on a report in the newspaper that a phone conversation took place between Mr. Von Savage and Mr. McCrosson. Both respondents have indicated in their certifications that there was without any question no cooperation between the two organizations. Mr. Desiderio states that he has spoken to the appropriate officials from the Union League and from the LoBiondo Committee to Change Congress and is satisfied that proper filings and reporting has occurred. Mr. Desiderio alleges in Count Two of the Complaint that there were possible violations with regard to a contribution made by the Union League to the LoBiondo for Congress Committee. Again, Mr. 3 Desiderio's efforts post filing of the Complaint have revealed that there in fact were no violations. Attached as Exhibit "A" to Mr. McCrosson's certification is a copy of an affidavit from Allen Vernon in his capacity as Secretary of the Cape May County Union League. The affidavit properly sets forth the circumstances for the contribution that was made and makes clear that the Union League is not required to register with the FEC. As to the allegation that the contribution was improperly accepted, Mr. McCrosson in his certification states that the 5 contribution in question was not accepted until the matter contained in Mr. Vernon's affidavit was addressed. The LoBiondo Committee to Change Congress did not accept a contribution which they were barred from accepting. Further, after the contribution was properly accepted, it was included on the LoBiondo Committee to Change Congress' report of receipts and disbursements covering the period of April 1, 1994, through May 18, 1994. This document is attached to Mr. McCrosson's certification as Exhibit "B". There is no reason to believe that any violations have been committed. The Complaint filed by Mr. Desiderio was purely a political barb thrown at his opponents in an effort to divert the voter's attention from the real issues. Mr. Von Savage and Mr. McCrosson acting on behalf of their respective organizations have not violated any statute or regulation. Mr. Desiderio has not provided any credible facts to support the allegations, has acknowledged his lack of credible evidence and in good faith has requested that the Complaint be withdrawn. Finally, respondents have demonstrated that there have been no violations of contribution or filing requirements.

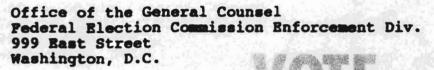
Federal Election Commission Enforcement Division Office of the General Counsel June 30, 1994 Page 4 For all of the above stated reasons, it is respectfully submitted that there is no reason to believe that there have been any violations of the Pederal Election Campaign Act of 1971. Respectfully submitted, Mark P. DeLorenzo MPD/bl Enclosures M cc: David VonSavage Andrew McCrosson Mary Annie Harper O V 3 a 0 5 0



CAPE MAY COUNTY REGULAR REPUBLICAN ORGANIZATION

Gerard A. Desiderio Chairman

June 30, 1994



RE: Pederal Election Commission Complaint Identification No.: NUR 3978

Dear Commission:

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Please be advised that I am the Complainant in the above identified Complaint. I hereby request that the Complaint be withdrawn and that no further action be taken with regard to the Complaint.

The primary basis that I am requesting that no action be taken is that I am convinced at this point in time that the participants acted in good faith and altimately made all of the required filings. I have met extensively with the individuals involved, particularly those from the Frank LoBiondo Committee and am satisfied that all proper filings were ultimately made.

With regard to Count One of the Complaint, one can readily ascertain that the great majority of that complaint is based upon newspaper articles which ultimately turned out to be less accurate than their face value may have lead an individual to believe.

With regard to Count Two, that complaint was based upon a union league of Cape May County report to its members, which apparently contained errors as to what had been done and what had not been done.

After speaking to the appropriate Union League Officials and the Frank LoBiondo individuals, I am satisfied that no irregularity occurred and that proper filings and reportings have occurred.



Office of the General Counsel June 30, 1994 Page 2 I trust that this is sufficient to have the Complaint withdrawn. However, should any additional information be needed, please do not hesitate to contact me. Sincerely,

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Gerard Desigerio, Chairman GD/1p 3 10 v v M 4 0 S 0

CERTIFICATION

DAVID I. VON SAVAGE, of full age, being duly sworn on his oath according to law, deposes and says:

- 1. I am the Executive Director of the Cape May County Real Republican Organization (CMCRRO).
- 2. The CMCRRO was formed for the purpose of helping to elect 155 Cape May County Executive Committee persons and to support Gary Jessel, an incumbent Republican Freeholder, all running for elected office under the Real Republican slogan.
- 3. On May 6, 1994, the CMCRRO filed with the New Jersey Election Law Enforcement Commission as an on-going political committee. Designation of Campaign Treasurer and Depository is attached hereto as Exhibit "A".
- 4. The candidates running for Executive Committee and for County Freeholder ran in the same column as Congressional candidate, Frank LoBiondo.
- 5. Because of this alignment, we advised the FEC of the CMCRRO's existence by filing a Statement of Organization which is attached hereto as Exhibit "B".
- 6. The CMCRRO has not raised nor expended more than \$1,000.00 on behalf of Congressional candidate, Frank LoBiondo.
- 7. The CMCRRO has not made a contribution to Mr. LoBiondo's Congressional campaign.
- 8. No funds received through solicitations and fundraisers sponsored by the CMCRRO were used for federal election purposes.
 - 9. The Statement of Organization was filed from an abundance

of caution and was accompanied with a request as to whether or not filing with the FEC was necessary.

10. There was no cooperation between the CMCRRO and the LoBiondo Committee to Change Congress.

I certify that the foregoing statements made by me are true.

I am aware that if any of the foregoing statements made by me are willfully false, I am subject to punishment.

Dated: 7-1-94

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CERTIFICATION

AMDREW J. McCROSSON, JR., of full age, being duly sworn on his oath according to law, deposes and says:

- I am the Treasurer of the LoBiondo Committee to Change Congress.
- On February 25, 1994, the Cape May County Union League made a contribution of \$1,000.00 to the LoBiondo Committee to Change Congress.
- 3. The \$1,000.00 contribution was not accepted by the LoBiondo Committee to Change Congress until the Union League supplied an affidavit indicating the source of the funds and the status of the Union League. A true and accurate copy of the Affidavit supplied by Allen Vernon in his capacity as Secretary of the Cape May County Union League is attached hereto as Exhibit "A".
- 4. This contribution was reflected on the Report of Receipts and Disbursements that was filed by the LoBiondo Committee to Change Congress for the period of April 1, 1994, through May 18, 1994. A true and accurate copy of the Report of Receipts and Disbursements that was filed by the LoBiondo Committee to Change Congress for the period of April 1, 1994, through May 18, 1994 is attached hereto as Exhibit "B".
- 5. No funds have been received by the LoBiondo Committee to Change Congress from the Cape May County Real Republican Organization.
- 6. There was no cooperation between the LoBiondo Committee to Change Congress and the Cape May County Real Republican

Organisation.

I certify that the foregoing statements made by me are true.

I am aware that if any of the foregoing statements made by me are willfully false, I am subject to punishment.

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Dated: 7-1-94

Andrew McCrosson, Jr.

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- 2. That during the calendar year 1994, the Committee did not receive contributions aggregating in excess of \$1,000 nor did the Committee make expenditures in excess of \$1,000 for the purpose of influencing federal elections.
- 3. That sufficient funds permissible under the Federal Election Law were available in the account at the time of the contribution. Specifically, funds from prohibited sources such as corporations, labor unions, foreign nationals, federally chartered banks or federal contractors were not used to make the contribution to the LoSiondo Committee to Change Congress primary election campaign.
- 4. This contribution is parmissible under New Jersey state

Dated: 4/0/54

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(Summary Page) 1. NAME OF COMMITTEE (In full) LOBIONDO COMMITTEE TO CHANGE CONGRESS 2. FEC IDENTIFICATION NUM ADDRESS (number and street) [**] Check if different then previously reported. C00269340 P. O. BOX 775 CITY, STATE and ZIP CODE STATE/DISTRICT 3. IS THIS REPORT AN AMENDME NJ/02 MARMORA, NEW JERSEY 08223 X NO YES 4. TYPE OF REPORT PRIMARY X Twelfth day report preceding **April 15 Quarterly Report** (Type of Election election on JUNE 7, 1994 in the State of NEW JERSEY July 15 Quarterly Report October 15 Quarterly Report Thirdeth day report following the General Election on January 31 Year End Report in the State of **Termination Report** July 31 Mid-Year Report (Non-election Year Only)

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	(b) Total Contribution Refunds (from Line 20(d))	1,000.00	1,000.00
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NOTE: Submission of false, erroneous, or incomplete information may subject the person signing this Report to the penalties of 2 U.S.C. §437g.

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ARLINGTON, VA 22209 Receipt For: X Primary General	Occupation	4.25.24	500.0
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DETAILED SUMMARY PAGE of Receipts and Disbursements (Page 2, FEC FORM 3)

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LOBIONDO COMMITTEE TO CHANGE CONGRESS	From: 04/01/94	Te: 05/18/94	-
L RECEIPTS	Total This Period	Colondar Year-To-Date	A
1. CONTROLLINGING (other than loans) FROM:	经生成 。		A
(a) Individuals/Persons Other Than Political Commisses	AND DESCRIPTION OF THE PARTY OF		A
(f) Itembed (use Schedule A)	91,352,00		310
(ii) Uniterritaed	42,127,94		916
(III) Tetal of contributions from individuals	133,479.94	212,982,94	118
(h) Political Purty Committees			111
(c) Other Political Committees (such as PACs)	16,673.40	16,673.40	114
(d) The Candidate			_ '''
(e) TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS (other than loans)(add 11(a)(iii), (b), (c) and (d))	150,153.34	229,656.34	116
12. TRANSFERS FROM OTHER AUTHORIZED COMMITTEES			12
13. LOANS:			
(a) Made or Guaranteed by the Candidate			13(
(b) All Other Loans		#2 TU	130
(c) TOTAL LOANS (add 13(a) and (b))			13(
14. OFFSETS TO OPERATING EXPENDITURES (Refunds, Rebates, etc.)		The state of the s	14
15. OTHER RECEIPTS (Dividends, Interest, etc.)		生物 医	15
16. TOTAL RECEIPTS (add 11(e), 12, 13(c), 14 and 15)	350 152 34	200 555 34	16
II. DISBURSEMENTS	150,153,34	229,656,34	
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17. OPERATING EXPENDITURES	73,324.48	94,067.01	17
18. TRANSFERS TO OTHER AUTHORIZED COMMITTEES			18
19. LOAN REPAYMENTS:			A
(a) Of Loans Made or Guaranteed by the Candidate		1	19
(b) Of All Other Loans	AMERICA	A	19
(c) TOTAL LOAN REPAYMENTS (add 19(a) and (b))			19
20 REFUNDS OF CONTRIBUTIONS TO:		200	4
(a) Individuals/Persons Other Than Political Committees	1,000.00	1,000.00	20
(b) Political Party Committees	A THE PROPERTY OF THE PARTY OF	A SPACE TO LEAD AND A	20
(c) Other Political Committees (such as PACs)	222 20	772.00	20
(d) TOTAL CONTRIBUTION REFUNDS (add 20(a), (b) and (c))	1,000.00	1,000.00	20
21. OTHER DISBURSEMENTS			21
22. TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS (add 17, 18, 19(c), 20(d) and 21).	74,324.48	95,067.01	22
III. CASH SUMMARY			
23. CASH ON HAND AT BEGINNING OF REPORTING PERIOD	\$ 62	2,148.47	23
24. TOTAL RECEIPTS THIS PERIOD (from Line 16)),153.34	24
25 SUBTOTAL (add Line 23 and Line 24)	_	2,301.81	2
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July 5, 1994

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Federal Election Commission Washington, D.C. 20463 Attn: Joan McEnery

Cape May County Union League **MUR 3978**

Dear Ms. McEnery:

In reference to the above, I am providing you with an explanation in response to a Complaint filed under correspondence dated May 23, 1994, by Gerard A. Desiderio, Chairman of the Cape May County Regular Republican Organization and a member of the Cape May County Union League.

I am a duly admitted attorney in the State of New Jersey and also the Secretary of the Cape May County Union League. I have personal knowledge of the facts which I will present in this correspondence. This Complaint arises out of an alleged Federal Election Law violation occurring in the Second Congressional District of New Jersey. The candidate for said Congressional Election in the Republican Primary was Frank LoBiondo.

reviewing the correspondence, Count One of correspondence does not apply to the Cape May County Union League. In response to Count Two of said correspondence, references made correspondence dated March 18, 1994, Exhibit F. correspondence presented by myself as Secretary for the Cape May County Union League simply presented general information directed to our President, Dr. Costino, as to the votes made by the individual twenty-eight (28) members present at our February 1994 By unanimous support the membership voted to support Frank LoBiondo with a \$1,000 contribution. Also included in said mailing to the general members was correspondence submitted by our President, Dr. Costino, which gave notice of the next meeting. Also included was a Treasurer's Report. This correspondence was merely a summary of our Union League's activities for the previous Our general practice is such that our President, Dr. Costino, prepares a notice of the next month's meeting location and faxes it to my office. Thereafter, my office prepares the notice and includes with said notice the minutes and the Treasurer's Reports, if the same are available when Dr. Costino's correspondence arrives. If the minutes are not available, or the Treasurer's Report is not prepared at that time, the same is presented at the regular meeting. Count Two suggests that because the Union League made a \$1,000 contribution, and mailed out the previously discussed notice, that the contribution would exceed \$1,000 and place the Union League under legal definition of the political committee. Once again, it is simply stated that the Union League, through its regular course of business, sends a mailing out each month to each of its individual members regarding the Union League's activities.

I have no knowledge as to the contents of the Federal Election Commission report of receipts and disbursements submitted by the LoBiondo Committee To Change Congress, covering the period between January 1, 1994 and March 31, 1994.

It is further suggested that Union League did not have a separate Federal account for contributions. It is submitted that the Union League was not required to comply with certain rules regarding accounting methods. The Union League can demonstrate, through the Treasurer's Report submitted, that it had sufficient funds permissible under Federal Law to cover the amount of disbursement made at the time the check was written. It is not necessary to make a separate account, due to the fact that the Union League is a local party organization that is an unregistered group.

It is correct that the Union League submitted a \$1,000 contribution to the LoBiondo campaign for the Primary, on or about June 6, 1992, and a second contribution to the general election made on or about October 20, 1992. All contributions made by the Union League were made in good faith without the advance benefit of an advisory opinion. For these reasons, the Union League is requesting that no action should be taken against the League in response to the Complaint.

If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact me at my office.

Very truly yours,

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Vernon, Jr., Esquire

AHV/tlm enclosure cc: Dr. Costino

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BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

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In the Matter of

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GENERAL COUNSEL'S MONTHLY REPORT

I. INTRODUCTION

This report is the General Counsel's Report to recommend that the Commission no longer pursue the identified lower priority and stale cases under the Enforcement Priority System.

II. CASES RECOMMENDED FOR CLOSING

A. Cases Not Warranting Further Pursuit Relative to Other Cases Pending Before the Commission

A critical component of the Priority System is identifying those pending cases that do not warrant the further expenditure of resources. Each incoming matter is evaluated using Commission-approved criteria and cases that, based on their rating, do not warrant pursuit relative to other pending cases are placed in this category. By closing such cases, the Commission is able to use its limited resources to focus on more important cases.

Having evaluated incoming matters, this Office has identified 10 cases which do not warrant further pursuit relative to the other pending cases. A short description of each case and the factors leading to assignment of a relatively low priority and consequent recommendation not to pursue each

These matters are: MUR 4087; MUR 4092; MUR 4093; MUR 4096;
 MUR 4097; MUR 4098; MUR 4100; MUR 4103; MUR 4106; and MUR 4114.

case is attached to this report. See Attachments 1-11. As the Commission requested, this Office has attached the responses to the complaints for the externally-generated matters and the referral for the internally-generated matter following the narrative. See Attachments 1-11.

B. Stale Cases

Investigations are severely impeded and require relatively more resources when the activity and evidence are old.

Consequently, the Office of General Counsel recommends that the Commission focus its efforts on cases involving more recent activity. Such efforts will also generate more impact on the current electoral process and are a more efficient allocation of our limited resources. To this end, this Office has identified 34 cases that

do not warrant further investment of significant

Commission resources. Since the recommendation not to pursue
the identified cases is based on staleness, this Office has not
prepared separate narratives for these cases. As the Commission
requested, in matters in which the Commission has made no

These matters are: MUR 2582; MUR 3109; MUR 3241; MUR 3426; MUR 3857; MUR 3858; MUR 3862; MUR 3866; MUR 3876; MUR 3879; MUR 3890; MUR 3893; MUR 3895; MUR 3896; MUR 3898; MUR 3902; MUR 3903; MUR 3904; MUR 3905; MUR 3907; MUR 3908; MUR 3912; MUR 3933; MUR 3958; MUR 3962; MUR 3978; MUR 3984; RAD 93L-19; RAD 94L-05; RAD 94L-11; RAD 94L-15; RAD 94L-21; RAD 94L-23; and RAD 94L-26.

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- C. Take no further action, close the file effective June 26, 1995, and approve the appropriate letter in the following matters:
 - 1) MUR 2582
 - 2) MUR 3109
 - 3) MUR 3241
 - 4) MUR 3426

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CERTIFICATION

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I, Marjorie W. Emmons, recording secretary for the Federal Election Commission executive session on June 27. 1995, do hereby certify that the Commission decided by a vote of 6-0 on each of the matters listed below to take the actions hereinafter described:

- Decline to open a MUR and close the file effective July 5, 1995 in the following matters:
 - 1) RAD 93L-19
 - 2) RAD 94L-05
 - 3) RAD 94L-11
 - 4) RAD 94L-15
 - 5) RAD 94L-21
 - 6) RAD 94L-23
 - 7) RAD 94L-26
- Take no action, close the file effective July 5, B. 1995, and approve the appropriate letter in the following matters:
 - 1) MUR 3857
 - 2) MUR 3858
 - 3) MUR 3862

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

July 6, 1995

Gerard A. Desiderio, Chairman Cape May County Regular Republican Organization 6400 Landis Avenue Sea Isle City, NJ 08243

RE: MUR 3978

Dear Mr. Desiderio:

On May 24, 1994, the Federal Election Commission received your complaint alleging certain violations of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended ("the Act").

After considering the circumstances of this matter, the Commission exercised its prosecutorial discretion to take no action in the matter. This case was evaluated objectively relative to other matters on the Commission's docket. In light of the information on the record, the relative significance of the case, and the amount of time that has elapsed, the Commission determined to close its file in this matter on July 5, 1995. This matter will become part of the public record within 30 days.

The Act allows a complainant to seek judicial review of the Commission's dismissal of this action. See 2 U.S.C. \$ 437g(a)(8).

Sincerely,

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Mary L. Taksar, Attorney Central Enforcement Docket



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

WASHINGTON DC 20463

July 6, 1995

Mark P. DeLorenzo, Esquire Law Offices of Vincent L. LaManna Jr. 4400 Landis Avenue P.O. Box 165 Sea Isle City, NJ 08243

RE: MUR 3978

Cape May County Real Republican Organization and David Von Savage, as Executive Director; LoBiondo Committee to Change Congress and Andrew I. McCrosson, as treasurer

Dear Mr. DeLorenzo:

On June 1, 1994, the Federal Election Commission notified your clients of a complaint alleging certain violations of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended. A copy of the complaint was enclosed with that notification.

After considering the circumstances of this matter, the Commission exercised its prosecutorial discretion to take no action against your clients. This case was evaluated objectively relative to other matters on the Commission's docket. In light of the information on the record, the relative significance of the case, and the amount of time that has elapsed, the Commission determined to close its file in this matter on July 5, 1995.

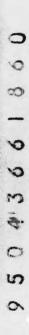
The confidentiality provisions of 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(12) no longer apply and this matter is now public. In addition, although the complete file must be placed on the public record within 30 days, this could occur at any time following certification of the Commission's vote. If you wish to submit any factual or legal materials to appear on the public record, please do so as soon as possible. While the file may be placed on the public record prior to receipt of your additional materials, any permissible submissions will be added to the public record when received.

If you have any questions, please contact the Central Enforcement Docket at (202) 219-3400.

Sincerely,

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Mary L. Taksar Attorney





FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

July 6, 1995

Allen H. Vernon Jr., Esquire Mott, Vernon and Mott 8th Street & Asbury Avenue The Bourse Building, Third Ploor P.O. Box 385 Ocean City, NJ 08226

RE: MUR 3978

Union League of Cape

May County

Dear Mr. Vernon:

On June 1, 1994, the Federal Election Commission notified your client of a complaint alleging certain violations of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended. A copy of the complaint was enclosed with that notification.

After considering the circumstances of this matter, the Commission exercised its prosecutorial discretion to take no action against your client. This case was evaluated objectively relative to other matters on the Commission's docket. In light of the information on the record, the relative significance of the case, and the amount of time that has elapsed, the Commission determined to close its file in this matter on July 5, 1995.

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