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BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

In the Matter of

MUR 990

Committee to Re-Elect Zamparelli

CERTIFICATION

I, Marjorie W. Emmons, Recording Secretary for the Federal Election Commission's Executive Session on October 21, 1980, do hereby certify that the Commission decided by a vote of 6-0 to take the following actions in MUR 990:

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- Authorize the General Counsel to file a civil suit for relief in the United States District Court.
- Send the letter attached to the General Counsel's September 26, 1980 report.

Attest:

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Date

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Marjorie W. Emmons Secretary to the Commission

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION



WASHINGTON, D.C. 2046.1

September 19, 1980

CERTIFIED MAIL RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Terry Philip Segal Silverman & Kudisch 100 State Street Boston, MA 02109

> Re: MUR 990 Tsongas for Senate Committee

Dear Mr. Segal:

On September 18, 1980, the Commission accepted the conciliation agreement signed by your client and a civil penalty in settlement of a violation of 2 U.S.C. § 441a(f). Accordingly, the file has been closed in this matter with respect to the Tsongas for Senate Committee. However, 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(4)(B) prohibits any information derived in connection with any conciliation attempt from becoming public without the written consent of the respondent and the Commission. Should you wish any such information to become part of the public record, please advise us in writing.

Enclosed you will find a fully executed copy of the final conciliation agreement for your files.

Since

Charles N. Steele General Counsel

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Charles N. Steele General Counsel

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BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION MAY 2, 1980

In the Matter of Tsongas for Senate Committee

MUR 990

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CONCILIATION AGREEMENT

This matter having been initiated by the Federal Election Commission (hereinafter "the Commission"), pursuant to information ascertained in the normal course of carrying out its supervisory responsibilities, and after probable cause to believe having been found that the Tsongas for Senate Committee ("Respondent") violated 2 U.S.C. § 441a(f) by accepting a \$5,000 contribution from the Committee to Re-Elect John Zamparelli;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Commission and Respondent, having duly entered into conciliation pursuant 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(4)(A)(i), do hereby agree as follows:

I. The Commission has jurisdiction over the Respondent and the subject matter of this proceeding.

II. Respondent has had a reasonable opportunity to demonstrate that no action should be taken in this matter.

III. Respondent enters voluntarily into this agreement with the Commission.

IV. The pertinent facts in this matter are as follows:

Respondent, pursuant to 2 U.S.C. \$ 431(n) (presently
 2 U.S.C. \$ 431(5)), was the principal campaign committee for candidate
 Paul Tsongas for the 1978 campaign for the U.S. Senate.

2. That, as such, it was subject to the contribution limitation of 2 U.S.C. § 44la(a)(1)(A) which prohibits any person from making a contribution in excess of \$1,000 per election and also prohibits the acceptance of any excess contributions.

 Respondent accepted a \$5,000 contribution from the Committee to Re-Elect John Zamparelli on September 14, 1978.
 WHEREFORE, Respondent agrees:

V. Respondent violated 2 U.S.C. § 441a(f) by accepting a \$5,000 contribution from the Committee to Re-Elect John Zamparelli.

VI. Respondent will pay a civil penalty to the Treasurer of the United States in the amount of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500), pursuant to 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(6)(B).

VII. Respondent agrees that it shall not undertake any activity which is in violation of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended, 2 U.S.C. § 431, et seq.

GENERAL CONDITIONS

VIII. The Commission, on request of anyone filing a complaint under 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(1) concerning the matters at issue herein or on its own motion, may review compliance with this agreement. If the Commission believes that this agreement or any requirement thereof has been violated, it may institute a civil action for relief in the United States District Court for the District of Columbia. IX. It is mutually agreed that this agreement shall become effective as of the date that all parties hereto have executed same and the Commission has approved the entire agreement.

X. It is mutually agreed that respondent shall comply with the requirement contained in Paragraph VI within thirty (30) days from the date this agreement becomes effective.

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Charles N. Steele General Counsel Fedeal Election Commission

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Date

Tsongas for Senate Committee

BY: Patricia G. Bensetler

ITS: Treasurer

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CERTIFICATION

I, Marjorie W. Emmons, Secretary to the Federal Election Commission, do hereby certify that on September 18, 1980, the Commission decided by a vote of 6-0 to take the following actions regarding MUR 990:

- Accept the conciliation agreement as attached to the General Counsel's September 15, 1980 memorandum.
- CLOSE THE FILE with respect to the Tsongas for Senate Committee.
- Approve and send the letter as attached to the above-named memorandum.

Voting for this determination were Commissioners Aikens, Friedersdorf, Harris, McGarry, Reiche, and Tiernan.

ATTEST:

9/18/80

Date

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Marjorie W. Emmons Secretary to the Commission

Received in Office of the Commission Secretary: 9-15-80, 3:29 Circulated on 48 hour vote basis: 9-16-80, 11:00

September 15, 1980

MENORANDUM TO:	Marjorie W. Emmon			
FROM:	Elissa T. Garr			
SUBJECT :	MUR 990			

Please have the attached Memo distributed to the Commission on a 48 hour tally basis. Thank you.



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

80 SEP 15 P 3: 29 September 15, 1980

MEMORANDUM TO:

The Commission

FROM:

Charles N. Steel

SUBJECT:

MUR 990 - Conciliation Agreement

Attached is a conciliation agreement which has been signed by the treasurer of the Tsongas for Senate Committee.

The Office of General Counsel recommends the acceptance of this agreement and the closing of the file with respect to the Tsongas for Senate Committee. It is further recommended that the Commission approve the sending of the attached letter.

Attachments

- 1. Conciliation Agreement
- 2. Copy of check
- 3. Proposed letter



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

August 12, 1980

CERTIFIED MAIL RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

John F. Zamparelli, Esg. 100 George P. Hassett Drive Medford, Massachusetts 02155

Re: MUR 990

Dear Mr. Zamparelli:

I am writing in response to your letters of July 22 and 24, 1980, concerning MUR 990.

As Dr. Frank Belinowiz, the Treasurer of the Committee to Re-elect Zamparelli, was informed by my letter dated May 23, 1980, the Federal Election Commission has found probable cause to believe the Committee violated § 441a(a)(1)(A) when it made a \$5,000 contribution to the Tsongas for Senate Committee.

The representations of facts made in your letters of July 22 and 24 would have been more appropriately made prior to the Commission's finding of probable cause. In our opinion, these representations do not significantly change the facts available to the Commission when it made its finding. Contrary to your statement that respondents were not given sufficient time to respond to the allegations of violations, nearly two months lapsed between Dr. Belinowiz's receipt of the General Counsel's written probable cause recommendation and supporting brief on March 24, 1980, and the Commission's finding on May 20, 1980. The Commission did not receive any reply from Dr. Belinowiz or any other representative of the committee during this time which substantially exceeded the 15 days required by statute. 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(3).

Letter to: John F. Zamparelli Page 2

If you have any questions in regard to this letter, please contact Marybeth Tarrant at (202) 523-4175.

Sincerel General Counsel

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July 24, 1980

Charles N. Steele, Acting General Counsel Federal Election Commission Washington, D.C. 20463

Re: MUR 990

Dear Mr. Steele:

In further support of my statements both in my letter of July 22, 1980 and in your previous letter of inquiry to me dated November 16, 1979 that contributions had been made to other candidates, I enclose copies of checks manifesting contributions to Congressmen and Senators from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts as well as outside the confines.

Incidentally, when the question was ultimately posed relative to contributions, at no time did anyone restrict his inquiry to the year 1978.

Very truly yours,

JOHN E ZAMPARE

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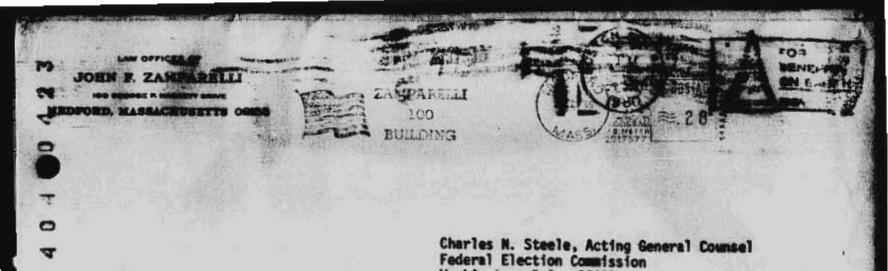
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July 22, 1990

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Charles N. Steele, Acting General Counsel Federal Election Commission Washington, D. C. 20463

Re: MUR 990

Dear Mr. Steele:

Although all communications relative to an alleged violation -2 U.S.C. \$441a (a) (1) (A), a provision of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended - have been addressed to the Committee to Re-elect John F. Zamparelli and its Treasurer, Dr. Frank J. Belinowiz, I consider the responsibility belongs to John F. Zamparelli, Paul E. Tsongas, and Nicholas Rizzo.

Guilt, if such there be, belongs to one person, Mr. Nicholas Rizzo.

This is my opinion with knowledge of those facts as presented to me.

Nevertheless, the course of computerized justice that has been meted out by the Federal Election Commission in this instance is both disappointing as well as surprising to me. How there can be any conclusions of facts on any kind of violation without testimony under oath by the accuser facing the accused, is reprehensible to any student of Constitutional Law. This is expecially so when the Agency involved consists of people who know "the great game of politics" better than any of us who serve under the Federal, State, County of local level. At no period during trial by mail was sufficient time given to anyone accused to respond.

Enough rhetoric - now for the facts. My statements will be repeated under oath and are given to you under the penalties of perjury. Simply stated, Nicholas Rizzo called in panic, requesting a \$5000.00 contribution. I replied: I was not certain that \$5000.00 remained in the treasury; I indicated that, if there were, I would approve it provided it violated no law of Massachusetts or of the United States; I said I would check the State legality; Nicholas Rizzo said he would check the Federal legality. The Treasurer of my political committee informed us that there were sufficient funds to make the \$5000.00 contribution. The Secretary of State stated that there was no violation of State law but that he would make no comment on the legality of the Federal Law. Nicholas Rizzo got back to me by telephone and said: He checked with Washington and was guaranteed there was no Federal violation; he stated he would send someone to pick up the \$5000.00 contribution; the \$5000.00 contribution was delivered; at no time were there any questions about contributions to other candidates; at no time was there any inquiry of whether our Political Committee was registered; and at no time then was there any inquiry as to contributions to five (5) other National candidates.



Charles N. Steele Acting General Counsel

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July 22, 1980

After the Primary Election of Mr. Tsongas as the Democratic National nominee for United States Senator, while I was walking out of the Governor's office, a Boston Globe correspondent asked me questions relative to whether my Committee was registered and whether contributions had been made to multicandidates. I did not know what he was talking about. I did indicate that the Committee had contributed to other candidates and that we were registered in the State of Massachusetts. After that, questions were propounded for the first time by Mr. Rizzo and other members of the Tsongas Committee as to whether we had contributed to other candidates for National office. I responded that it was my opinion that we had given to other candidates on other occasions.

The condition precedent to the donation was explicitly stated and Mr. Rizzo guaranteed the legality. Therefore I accept no responsibility nor should any other officer of the Zamparelli Committee be found responsible. Is not the Candidate and the Tsongas Committee the proper party to advise as to the legality of contributions by those who are solicited?

The statement in the General Counsel's Brief that Mr. Rizzo had been "guided by Mr. Zamparelli's statement that his Committee had contributed to over five federal candidates" is a bold-faced lie.

This question should be placed before the appropriate parties, under oath. I am willing to submit to a polygraph test as to any statement which I make in this communication.

Your conclusion that it is apparent that I was not in a position to assume that a contribution was legal is in error. I was informed by the appropriate agency in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts that the contribution was legal by our law. We were created by Massachusetts statute and not Federal law. On the other hand, Mr. Rizzo, as Chairman of the Tsongas Finance Committee and quoting to me the Federal Election Commission in Washington, should have been in the position to inform correctly anyone from whom he solicited a contribution.

Need and greed are no substitute for accuracy and truth.

Further comment is required in connection with the statement and assumptions of Patricia G. Bensetler in her response to you dated November 19, 1979. She was the full-time, paid employee of the Tsongas Committee and she should have known what was a legal or illegal contribution and she should have reacted accordingly. Her reference to me of my involvement in the Campaign made me "aware of the need and my ability to contribute" to the Committee was a deliberate lie.

My function in the Tsongas campaign was to serve as Toastmaster and Master of Ceremony at over a dozen functions in all parts of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts; attend fund raisers; run one fund raiser at my home; and attend Finance Committee meetings when invited. The best example of my position in the campaign is expressed by the candidate himself by the enclosed copy of his letter



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Charles N. Steele Acting General Counsel

July 22, 1980

to me at the height of the campaign. Miss Patricia G. Bensetler assumes wrongly again when she states that the contribution was made directly to the Main Campaign Headquarters in Boston. This is not true. Her assumption that my Committee was a multi-candidate Committee was wrong again. Further, she had no right to assume that the Committee was registered with the Federal Election Commission. She states no grounds on which she could base any of her assumptions. She never contacted me then nor now! She is misinformed again when she said only \$4000.00 should be returned because of the allowance of \$1000.00. I had already given the maximum. Her reference to my knowledge of campaign finances once again is improper. No member of the Finance Committee received verbal or written information except to announce a forthcoming fund raising event.

I agree with her conclusion in the last paragraph of page 2 relative to diligent notice on the part of the F. E. C. Neither I nor my Committee were informed at the beginning relative to the serious nature of these proceedings. The contribution was made in good faith September 14, 1978. First notice of violation was given to the Tsongas Committee January 5, 1979. The \$5000.00 was returned to the Committee January 19, 1979. The vote of violation was given to the Tsongas Committee January 20, 1979. Then, six months later, June 24, 1979, notice of violation of the Zamparelli Committee was voted based upon the WORD of Rizzo, not under oath. All of this action based upon the generosity of a fellow democrat to a candidate who sensed victory.

I quote and repeat the last paragraph of the first communication from Dr. Frank J. Belinowiz dated July 11, 1979:

"If the contribution constituted a violation of 2 U.S.C. § 441a (1) (1) (A), I suggest the facts show no intent to avoid or violate any law and that an attempt to cure the oversight was timely made. I respectfully request that no no action be taken".

Sincerely yours, an paull.

John F. Zamparelli

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES WASHINGTON, D. C. 20515

PAUL E TSONGAS STH DISTRICT MASSACHUSETTS

June 29, 1978

Mr. John Zamparelli 4 Doane Road Medford, MA

Dear John,

You were absolutely terrific last night. I cannot describe in this note my gratitude. Your continued support and friendship are among my most cherished and valuable gains from my public career.

I am hesitant to run any affair without you at my side.

With warmest personal regards,

Paul Tsongas

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Charles N. Steele, Acting General Counsel

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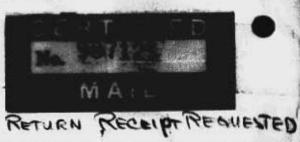
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June 12, 1980

Marybeth Tarrant, Esquire Assistant General Counsel Federal Election Commission 1325 K Street, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20463

Re: In the Matter of Tsongas for Senate Committee, MUR 990

Dear Ms. Tarrant:

Enclosed please find the appropriate authorization for me to represent the Tsongas for Senate Committee in the above matter.

Shortly, I will be submitting a response to the proposed conciliation agreement.

Sincerely, ayah

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PATRICIA G. BENSETLER, CONSULTANT MAIN STREET BOLTON, MASSACHUSETTS 01740

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Federal Election Commission 1325 K Street NW Washington, D.C. 20563

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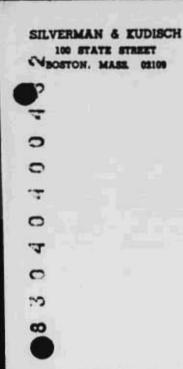
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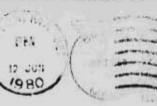
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BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

In the Matter of) Tsongas for Senate Committee) Committee to Re-Elect Zamparelli)

MUR 990

CERTIFICATION

I, Marjorie W. Emmons, Recording Secretary for the Federal Election Commission's Executive Session on May 20, 1980, do hereby certify that the Commission took the following actions in MUR 990:

> Failed on a vote of 2-4 to find no probable cause to believe a violation had occurred in this matter and close the file.

Commissioners Harris and McGarry voted affirmatively for this action; Commissioners Aikens, Friedersdorf, Reiche, and Tiernan dissented.

- 2. Passed on a vote of 4-2 a motion to:
 - a) Find probable cause to believe that the Tsongas for Senate Committee violated 2 U.S.C. §441a(f).
 - b) Find probable cause to believe that the Committee to Re-Elect John Zamparelli violated 2 U.S.C. §441a(a)(1)(A).
 - c) Approve the conciliation agreements and letters attached to the General Counsel's May 1, 1980 report.

Commissioners Aikens, Friedersdorf, Reiche, and Tiernan voted affirmatively for these actions; Commissioners Harris and McGarry dissented.

Attest:

Marjoue W. Emmone

/ Marjorie W. Emmons Secretary to the Commission

Date

BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION May 1, 1980

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On March 28, 1980, Mrs. Patricia Bentsetler, former treasurer of the Tsongas Committee, telephoned this office and explained that the facts set out in our brief appear to be true and that there was nothing else she could add. A letter to this effect was received from Mrs. Bentsetler on April 11, 1980. There has been no response from the Zamparelli Committee.

II. Legal Analysis

The Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended, prohibits any person from making a contribution in excess of \$1,000 per election to any federal candidate or his authorized committee. 2 U.S.C. § 44la(a)(1)(A). The knowing acceptance of any contribution in excess of this limit is also prohibited. 2 U.S.C. § 44la(f).

In this matter both committees were operating under the mistaken assumption that the Zamparelli Committee was a multicandidate committee. Both committees failed to make sufficient efforts to verify the Zamparelli Committee's status. (See attached General Counsel's Briefs)

Since Congress has established a public

record system which allows easy verification of the status of committees, recipients of contributions must be responsible for the accepting of prohibited contributions when that record is not checked.

IV. Recommendation

 Find probable cause to believe that the Tsongas for Senate Committee violated 2 U.S.C. § 441a(f).

 Find probable cause to believe that the Committee to Re-Elect John Zamparelli violated 2 U.S.C. § 44la(a)(1)(A).

 Approve the attached conciliation agreements and letters.

Charles N. Steele General Counsel

Attachments

1. Proposed Conciliation Agreements

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2. Proposed letters

- 3. OGC Briefs
- 4. Letter from Mrs. Bensetler

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Attachment 3

BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION February 27, 1980

In the Matter of Tsongas for Senate Committee

Zamparelli

Committee to Re-Elect

MUR 990

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III. GENERAL COUNSEL'S RECOMMENDATION

Find probable cause to believe that the Committee to Re-Elect John Zamparelli violated 2 U.S.C. \$441a(a)(1)(A).

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ATTACHMENTS (See Attachments for Tsongas Brief)

Response from Mrs. Bensetler
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The Tsongas Committee violated 2 U.S.C. §441a(f) by knowingly accepting a contribution in excess of the \$1,000 limit. Although it appears Mr. Rizzo asked Mr. Zamparelli how many federal candidates . 10 the Zamparelli Committee had contributed to previously, no attempt 07 was apparently made by the Tsongas Committee to determine if the Zamparelli Committee was registered with the Commission and otherwise qualified as a multicandidate committee. In addition to making contributions to at least five federal candidates, multicandidate committees must have been registered for at least 6 months and have received donations from more than 50 contributors. Since Mr. Zamparelli indicated he was uncertin his committee

qualified as a multicandidate committee when he talked with Mr. Rizzo, the Tsongas Committee could not rely upon his representations. The Tsongas Committee had reason to doubt that the Zamparelli Committee was a multicandidate committee and failed to make sufficient efforts to verify its status. Therefore, the Office of General Counsel recommends the Commission find probable cause to believe that the Tsongas Committee violated 2 U.S.C. §441a(f) and proceed to conciliation.

III. RECOMMENDATION

Date

Find probable cause to believe that the Tsongas for Senate Committee violated 2 U.S.C. \$441a(f).

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Federal Election Commission 1325 K Street NW Washington, D.C.

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If you have any additional requests for information Tplease feel free to contact me.

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Patricia G. Bensetler

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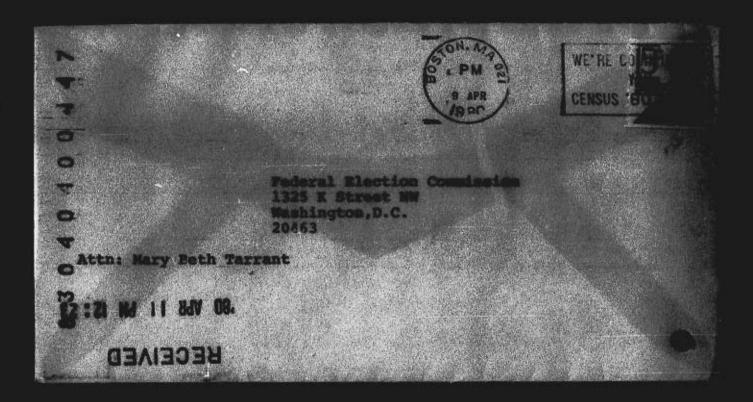
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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

March 19, 1980

CERTIFIED MAIL RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Patricia G. Bensetler, Treasurer Tsongas for Senate Committee Main Street, Box 58 Bolton, MA 01740

Re: MUR 990

Dear Mrs. Bensetler:

Based on information ascertained in the normal course of carrying out its supervisory responsibilities, the Federal Election Commission, on June 20, 1979, found reason to believe that your committee may have violated 2 U.S.C. §441a(f), a provision of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended, and instituted an investigation of this matter.

After considering all the evidence available to the Commission, the Office of the General Counsel is prepared to recommend that the Commission find probable cause to believe that a violation has occurred.

Submitted for your review is a brief stating the position of the General Counsel on the legal and factual issues of the case. Within fifteen days of your receipt of this notice, you may file with the Secretary of the Commission a brief (10 copies) stating your position on the issues and replying to the brief of the General Counsel. (Three copies of such brief should also be forwarded to the Office of General Counsel). The General Counsel's brief and any brief which you may submit will be considered by the Commission before proceeding to a vote of probable cause to believe a violation has occurred.

A finding of probable cause to believe requires that the Office of General Counsel attempt for a period of not less than thirty, but not more than ninety days to settle this matter through a conciliation agreement. This does not preclude settlement of this matter through informal conciliation prior to a finding of probable cause to believe, if you so desire. Page Two Patricia G. Bensetler

Should you have any questions, please contact Marybeth Tarrant at (202) 523-4175.

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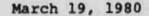


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CERTIFIED MAIL RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Mr. Frank J. Belinowiz, Treasurer Committee to Re-Elect John Zamparelli 100 George P. Hassett Drive Medford, MA 02155

Re: MUR 990

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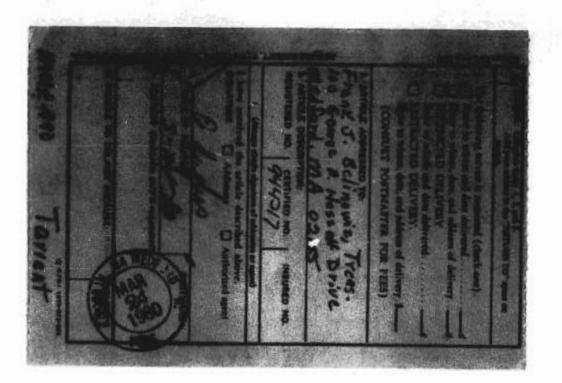
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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

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MEMORANDUM TO :	THE COMMISSION
FROM:	MARJORIE W. EMMONS/MARGARET CHANEY
DATE:	March 20, 1980
SUBJECT:	MUR 990

The attached documents are circulated for your information.

ATTACHMENTS: 1) Memo; 2) Brief; 3)Letter

March 19, 1980

MEMORANDUM TO: Marjorie W. Emmons FROM: Elissa T. Garr SUBJECT: MUR 990

Please have the attached Memo and Briefs distributed to the Commission on an informational basis. Thank you.



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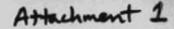
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Mr. Zamparelli's response also indicated that it was Mr. Rizzo who solicited the contribution (See Attachment 3). In addition, Mr. Zamparelli stated that Mr. Rizzo told him the contribution would be legal because he had already checked it out with some people in Washington. Mr. Zamparelli stated that he then contacted the office of the Massachusetts' Secretary of State and was told that the contribution was not illegal under state law, but that no opinion could be given as to federal law. The Zamparelli Committee then made the contribution on September 15, 1978.

A surface violation leter was sent to the Zamparelli Committee by the Reports Analysis Division on January 5, 1979 regarding the contribution. On January 19, 1979, the \$5,000 was refunded to the Zamparelli Committee. On June 20, 1979, the Commission found reason to believe that the Zamparelli Committee violated 2 U.S.C. §441a.

1/ Attached to Mr. Zamparelli's response were copies of his committee's 1977 and 1978 state reports. Neither these reports nor a review of reports filed with the Commission indicates the Zamparelli Committee supported five federal candidates.

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II. LEGAL ANALYSIS

The Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended, prohibits any person from making a contribution in excess of \$1,000 per election to any federal candidate or his authorized committee. 2 U.S.C. \$441a(a)(1)(A). The knowing acceptance of any contribution in excess of this limit is also prohibited. 2 U.S.C. \$441a(f).

The Zamparelli Committee was subject to the \$1,000 limitation of section 44la(a)(l)(A) since it was not a qualified multicandidate committee. Pursuant to section 44la(a)(2)(A), a multicandidate committee has a \$5,000 contribution limitation. "Multicandidate committee" as defined in section 44la(a)(4) means a political committee which has been registered with the Commission for a period of not less than 6 months, has received contributions from more than 50 persons, and has made contributions to 5 or more candidates for federal office. The Zamparelli Committee did not meet this definition.

The Tsongas Committee violated 2 U.S.C. \$441a(f) by knowingly accepting a contribution in excess of the \$1,000 limit. Although it appears Mr. Rizzo asked Mr. Zamparelli how many federal candidates the Zamparelli Committee had contributed to previously, no attempt was apparently made by the Tsongas Committee to determine if the Zamparelli Committee was registered with the Commission and otherwise qualified as a multicandidate committee. In addition to making contributions to at least five federal candidates, multicandidate committees must have been registered for at least 6 months and have received donations from more than 50 contributors. Since Mr. Zamparelli indicated he was uncertin his committee qualified as a multicandidate committee when he talked with Mr. Rizzo, the Tsongas Committee could not rely upon his representations. The Tsongas Committee had reason to doubt that the Zamparelli Committee was a multicandidate committee and failed to make sufficient efforts to verify its status. Therefore, the Office of General Counsel recommends the Commission find probable cause to believe that the Tsongas Committee violated 2 U.S.C. §441a(f) and proceed to conciliation. III. RECOMMENDATION

Find probable cause to believe that the Tsongas for Senate Committee violated 2 U.S.C. \$441a(f).

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Response from Mrs. Bensetler
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Federal Election Commission 1325 K Street NW Washington, D.C. 20463

Dear Sir/Madam;

This letter is in response to your letter of November 16,1979 requesting additional information concerning the contribution from Mr. Zamparielli in September 1978.

I would like to state at the onset that the answers I will be giving to your questions are based soley on information that I have of the events of last September. I have forwarded some of the questions for additional comment to Mr. Nick Rizzo. I have enclosed a copy of the letter that I sent to him today.

I was not directly involved in fund raising. Mr. Rizzo was the principal fund raiser. He was the one that had direct contact with Mr. Zamparielli and in the best position to answer the technical questions concerning the actual date of the solicitation as well as the circumstances surrounding the contribution. I will answer all the other questions to the best of my ability and if you need additional information please feel free to contact me.

1. Yes, to my knowledge the Committee to Elect John Zamparielli was solicitated in regard to the contribution to the Tsongas for Senate Committee. I am certain that Mr. Zamparielli was very aware of the financial status of the committee just before the election . He was a member of the Finance Committee and as a member of the committee was aware of the campaign finances . Often this sort of contribution may not be directly solicitated but containly , by the nature of his involvement with the campaign he was aware of our need and his ability to contribute to the committee.

Mr. Zamparielli and Mr. Nick Rizzo were the persons involved in the solicition of the contribution. Mr. Zamparielli delivered the contribution to the best of my knowledge - directly to the main campaign headquarters in Boston. The contribution was received by the Campaign Manager Dennis: Kanin.

I assume that Mr. Rizzo informed Mr. Zamparielli concerning the nature of the legality of the contribution. Mr. Rizzo informed me that he had checked with the counsel of the Pouse and Senate Counsel and that that individual had checked with the FEC that the contribution was legal. I assume that this conversation with the FEC was prompted by the desire of Mr. Zamparielli to contribute to the committee and the informati was passed on to him.

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I contacted the FEC concerning the legality of the contribution. After the pre-primary reports of the committee were made public, we were informed that the FEC had been contacted by a reporter from the Boston media. He had been told that the contribution was illegal. I called and , in the evening, spoke to the FEC Press representative. He told me that he did not have the Zamparielli committee registered but that that was not enough to indicate that there were problems with the contribution. I assumed that we were discussing the committee as a multi-candidate committee and not as a simple candidate committee. My understanding was that the issue was whether the Zamparielli committee was a legal Multi-candidate committee . I assumed that he had registered with the FEC as a committee.

Later , the next day I believe, I contacted Bill Coppell and asked him about the contribution. Apparently he had been informed that there was some question concerning the contribution but told me that I should wait until contacted by the FEC before I returned the contribution. All this time I never at any time understood that the Zamparielli Committee was not registered with the FEC even as a candidate committee. Additionally, I was told in December , when I was informed that the contribution was to be returned , that we need only return the \$4,000. because the \$1,000 would have been a legal contribution. This information was transmitted to me by telephone in a "onversation with the FEC.

You final question in section 1 I believe I have answered above. Mr Zamparielli was a member of the Finance Committee and was aware of the nature of the campaign finances. I have just checked our original committee filing to note whether Mr. Zamparielli was a member of the committee. Hz apparently was not at the point of the registration but had been previoulsy, and I assume that there was a clerical error in not including his name as a member of the Finance Committee.

2. I think that I have answered this guestion above. I knew that the Zamparielli committee had given to the Tsongas Committee before, I knew that he had given to other candidates and their committees and I had no reason to believe that he was not a multi-candidate committee.

• I might make an additional statement. I frankly feel that the problems that have arisen concerning the Zamparielli contribution would have been avoided, at least on the part of the Tsongas for Senate Committee concerning the activities that I was directly involved in, if the FEC had acted immediatly and informed us that the contribution was illegal. We would have returned the contribution immediatly. We had no desire to take such an obvious jillegal contribution if we had been informed at any point that the contribution should have been returned. I feel that our contact with the FEC was one that could be characterized on the Commission part as an issue of no grave concern . If I had been told the actual circumstances, from the Commission's perspective I would have immediatly returned the contribution and had sought to straighten out the matter on the Committee's end. As I stated in my letter previously, we have, through the years , made all possible attempts to reflect the guidelines of the FEC in both the spirit and the letter of the Act. We certainly would not have taken knowin such an illegal contribution and would have acted sooner if the FEC had informed us concerning the nature of the contribution.

Please feel free to contact me for additional information.

Sincerely, vite. ar Patricia G. Bensetler

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November 19,1979

Nick Rizzo Box 513 Andover, Massachusetts

Dear Nick;

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The FEC has requested additional information concerning the Zamparielli contribution. There are some questions T cannot answer and they have requested that I send the questions to roc.

The questions are; 1. The data of the solicitation of the contribution.

2. The circumstances of the solicitation- dil he contact you or did you contact him?

3. Did you inform Mr. Camparielli that the contribution was legal? Please describe here the details of your conversation with the Nouse and Senate Counsel regarding the nature of the contribution. The FEC needs to know the circumstances of you conversations, the contact that their counsel had with the FEC and any other particulars. Did John ask you to call them?, did you do so on your own inititive, et

I will be answering all the questions put to me by the FEC to the best of my ability. They will need your information before they can make an informed judgement as to this matter.

If you have any questions ploate feel from to contact me. They will need a response from you in five days.

Sincerely,

Pat Bensetler

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Ms. Patricia Bensetler P O Box 58 Main Street Bolton, MA 01740

Dear Patricia:

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In reply to your letter of November 19th.

1. I am confused over your question "the data of the solicitation of the contribution." What data are you referring to?

2. I contacted John. I knew he had a political committee that had contributed to us in the past. I knew that committees were eligible to contribute 5,000.00 per primary and 5,000.00 for the general. I requested a 5,000.00 contribution from John's committee. He informed me he had that amount (barely) in the committee account.

Before soliciting the contribution I telephoned Bill Wester at the Senate Campaign Committee who, in turn, gave me the telephone of Robert Bauer, Counsel to the committee. I spoke with Bob Bauer. I informed him of the solicitation. He asked if we had accepted contributions from this particular committee in the past. My reply was positive. He (Bauer) asked if the committee was a "multicandidate committee", explaining that it must have contributed to at least five federal candidates. I inquired of John Zamparelli and he told me his committee had contributed to Paul's congressional campaigns, Mike Harrington's, Joe Moakley's, Tip O'Neill's, and was sure that there were at least five. He also told me he had never had any problem with these contributions. (I later discovered all the above were contributions of 100.00). On the basis of this information, Bob Bauer agreed that accepting this committee contribution of 5,000.00 "might be OK". I telephoned John with the results of my conversations. In the interim John informed me he had personally telephoned the Election Finance Division of the Massachusetts Secretary of State and had determined that the contribution could be made.

The above represent the facts as I can recall.

If anymore information is requested. Please call or write.

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MUR 990 John Zamparelli

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QUESTIONS

 In his letter of July 11, 1979, Mr. Frank Belinowiz stated that the Chairman of the Tsongas Finance Committee requested a contribution of \$5,000.00 from your committee.

If so,

 Please provide the names of the individuals involved (for both committees) regarding this solicitation.

Nicholas A. Rizzo, Jr. and John F. Zamparelli

- ii) What was the date of the solicitation? So far as I can recall, the same date that was on the check. My memory is that it was the Friday before the Tuesday Primary date. Everything occurred in one day.
- iii) Describe the circumstances surrounding this solicitation.

See attached explanation.

iv) Was your committee informed at this time by the Tsongas Committee that such a contribution would be legal?

Yes

v) Did any member of your committee contact the Commission regarding the legality of the contribution?

No

2. Both you and the Tsongas Committee have stated that your committee has given to many federal candidates, yet reports filed with the Commission do not reflect this fact. How do you explain this? In this regard, please furnish us with copies of your committee's state reports for 1977 and 1978. Material will be furnished and mailed under separate cover. You do not allow sufficient time for me to comply with your requests and information. I do the best I can under the circumstances. I run the Registry of Deeds in the largest county and the largest district with the largest volume of business in the State of Massachusetts. I also am allowed to practice law. I usually leave these matters to my political committee. As I said, I am pleased to cooperate, but please allow more than five days for reasonable compliance.

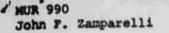
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 Please provide copies of any letters or memos you may have in connection with the above questions.

See answer to 1.iii).



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Describe the circumstances surrounding this solicitation.

Nick Rizzo telephoned me and requested a \$5,000.00 contribution from the Committee to Re-elect John F. Zamparelli. I responded that I did not know whether there was \$5,000.00 in the account. I told him I would check with the Treasurer. I asked him if this were legal because I thought \$1,000.00 was the maximum. He replied that he checked with Washington and that it was legal. I said that if it was legal with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and we had it then he could have it for the election of Paul Tsongas. I telephoned the office of the Secretary of State and was informed that such a contribution was not illegal from the State viewpoint. I was also told that no opinion was being given on the Federal level. I relayed that information to Rizzoj stressing the fact that I had no knowledge of the Federal legality and that I was relying on the Tsongas Committee. He replied that it was legal. My committee agreed to make the contribution. The check was then given to the Tsongas Committee. My memory is that all of this happened in one day.



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December 5, 1979

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Federal Election Commission Washington D. C. 20463

Attention: Charles N. Steele, Acting General Counsel

Gentlemen:

Re: MUR 990

In accordance with your request I had submitted my response to your questions referred to in your letter dated November 16, 1979. In compliance with my reply to question two (2), please find, enclosed herewith, the following copies:

> Committee To Re-elect John F. Zamparelli, check for \$5000.00 Letter from Tsongas For U. S. Senate Committee, National Finance Chairman, Kenneth M. Curtis Letter from candidate, Paul Tsongas Note from Nick Rizzo Letter with check for \$5000.00 from Tsongas for Senate Committee Committee's state reports for 1977 and 1978

I am pleased to cooperate.

Please notify me if there is anything further that I may do.

Very truly yours, trace 00. John F Register of Deeds

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September 25, 1978

Jul Tsongas U.S. Senate

Honorable John F. Zamparelli Four Doane Road Medford, Massachusetts 02155

Dear John:

WE HAVE WON!

Paul is now the nominee for the Democratic party for the United States Senate in Massachusetts. I am sure you join with all of us in this joyou's moment.

Now the work begins towards final victory on November 7th. You have played an indispensable part in our primary campaign. Your contribution has made it all happen.

"We now start from scratch". Our election requirement is \$500,000. It will not be easy, but then again, it was not easy for the primary. May I respectfully solicit a contribution from you towards the November victory?

Enclosed you will please find a self-addressed envelope for your convenience.

Again, I join with Paul in expressing to you our deepest gratitude for your help.

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NATIONAL FINANCE CHAIRMAN TSONGAS FOR U.S. SENATE COMMITTEE

smn Enclosure Paul Tsongas 80 Mansur Street Lowell, Massachusetts 01852

October 5, 1978

Committee to Re-Elect John Zamparelli 100 George P. Hassett Dr. Medford, MA

Dear Friends,

Because of your generous contribution and support--I am the Democratic Nominee for the United States Senate! I want to express my appreciation for your much-needed assistance.

Now, during the next few weeks before the general election, our campaign efforts must be accelerated and we must begin organizing to maintain the momentum we gained through our victory. It is only with the support of people like yourself that we were able to present my record and views to the voters of Massachusetts. You helped to make this victory possible, and I know through our combined efforts we will be successful on November 7.

Thank you again for your contribution. I hope I will merit your continued commitment and confidence in my candidacy for the United States Senate.

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Main Street — Box 58 Bolton, Massachusetts 01740

Patricia Bensetler, Treasurer

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Dear Mr. Zamparelli;

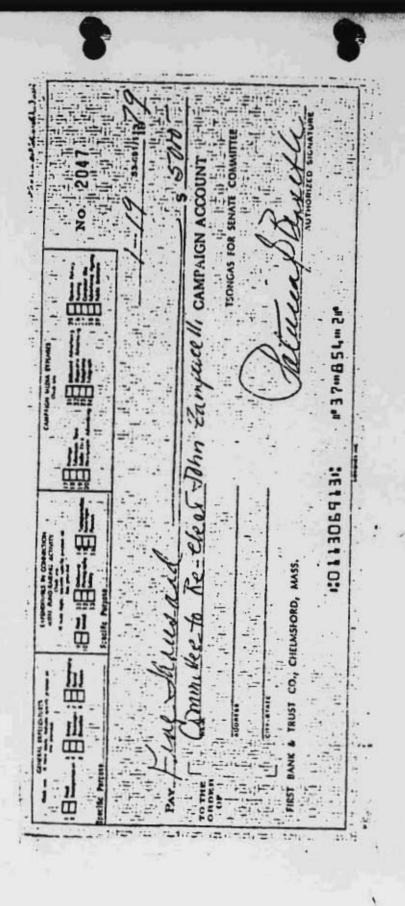
Enclosed please find a check for \$5000.00 .

If you have any further questions please feel free to contact me.

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OFFICE OF DIRECTOR OF CAMPAIGN AND POLITICAL FINANCE I FLETTER

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

March 19, 1980

CERTIFIED MAIL RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Patricia G. Bensetler, Treasurer Tsongas for Senate Committee Main Street, Box 58 Bolton, MA 01740

Re: MUR 990

Dear Mrs. Bensetler:

Based on information ascertained in the normal course of carrying out its supervisory responsibilities, the Federal Election Commission, on June 20, 1979, found reason to believe that your committee may have violated 2 U.S.C. §441a(f), a provision of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended, and instituted an investigation of this matter.

After considering all the evidence available to the Commission, the Office of the General Counsel is prepared to recommend that the Commission find probable cause to believe that a violation has occurred.

Submitted for your review is a brief stating the position of the General Counsel on the legal and factual issues of the case. Within fifteen days of your receipt of this notice, you may file with the Secretary of the Commission a brief (10 copies) stating your position on the issues and replying to the brief of the General Counsel. (Three copies of such brief should also be forwarded to the Office of General Counsel). The General Counsel's brief and any brief which you may submit will be considered by the Commission before proceeding to a vote of probable cause to believe a violation has occurred.

A finding of probable cause to believe requires that the Office of General Counsel attempt for a period of not less than thirty, but not more than ninety days to settle this matter through a conciliation agreement. This does not preclude settlement of this matter through informal conciliation prior to a finding of probable cause to believe, if you so desire. Page Two Patricia G. Bensetler

Should you have any questions, please contact Marybeth Tarrant at (202) 523-4175.

Sincerely les Ν. General Counsel

Enclosure Brief



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

March 19, 1980

CERTIFIED MAIL RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Mr. Frank J. Belinowiz, Treasurer Committee to Re-Elect John Zamparelli 100 George P. Hassett Drive Medford, MA 02155

Re: MUR 990

Dear Mr. Belinowiz:

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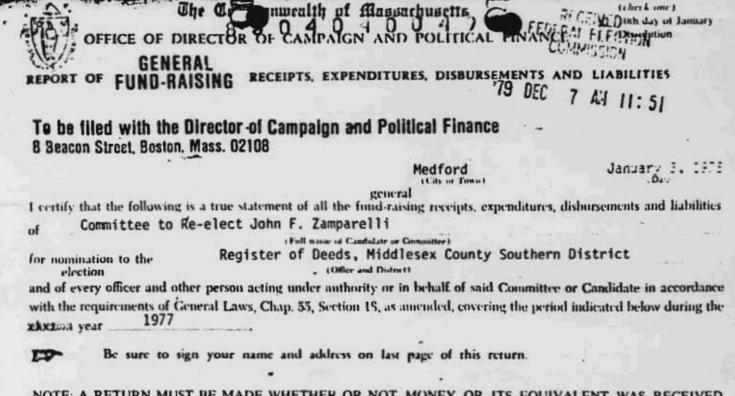
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Ms. Patricia Bensetler P O Box 58 Main Street Bolton, MA 01740

Dear Patricia:

In reply to your letter of November 19th.

1. I am confused over your question "the data of the solicitation of the contribution." What data are you referring to?

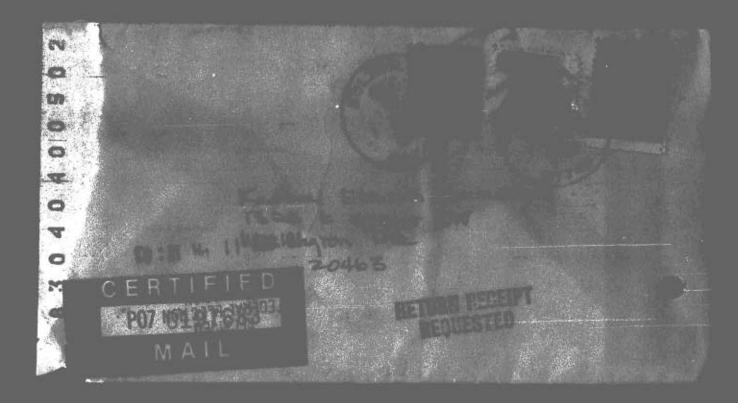
2. I contacted John. I knew he had a political committee that had contributed to us in the past. I knew that committees were eligible to contribute 5,000.00 per primary and 5,000.00 for the general. I requested a 5,000.00 contribution from John's committee. He informed me he had that amount (barely) in the committee account.

3. Before soliciting the contribution I telephoned Bill Wester at the Senate Campaign Committee who, in turn, gave me the telephone of Robert Bauer, Counsel to the committee. I spoke with Bob Bauer. I informed him of the solicitation. He asked if we had accepted contributions from this particular committee in the past. My reply was positive. He (Bauer) asked if the committee was a "multicandidate committee", explaining that it must have contributed to at least five federal candidates. I inquired of John Zamparelli and he told me his committee had contributed to Paul's congressional campaigns, Mike Harrington's, Joe Moakley's, Tip O'Neill's, and was sure that there were at least five. He also told me he had never had any problem with these contributions. (I later discovered all the above were contributions of 100.00). On the basis of this information, Bob Bauer agreed that accepting this committee contribution of 5,000.00 "might be OK". I telephoned John with the results of my conversations. In the interim John informed me he had personally telephoned the Election Finance Division of the Massachusetts Secretary of State and had determined that the contribution could be made.

The above represent the facts as I can recall.

If anymore information is requested. Please call or write.

Sincerely, RIZZO, JR.





FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

MEMORANDUM TO:	CHARLES STEELE
FROM:	MARJORIE W. EMMONS/MARGARET CHANEY
DATE:	DECEMBER 6, 1979
SUBJECT:	MUR 990 - Interim Investigative Report dated 11-30-79; Signed 12-4-79; Received in OCS 12-5-79, 7:52

The above-named document was circulated to the Commission on a 24-hour no-objection basis at 11:00, December 5, 1979.

There were no objections to the Interim Investigative Report at the time of the deadline.

December 4, 1979

MEMORANDUM TO: Marjorie W. Emmons FRMM: Elissa T. GArr SUBJECT: MUR 990

Please have the attached Interim Invest Reporton MUR 990 distributed to the Commission.

Thank you.

BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION November 30, 1979

In the Matter of

Tsongas for Senate Committee Committee to Re-Elect Zamparelli

INTERIM INVESTIGATIVE REPORT

On November 16, 1979, letters with questions that were previously approved by the Commission, were sent out to both respondents.

On November 26, 1979, this office received a response from Pat Bensetler, treasurer of the Tsongas Committee. Those questions which Mrs. Bensetler could not answer were forwarded to another campaign worker, Nick Rizzo, with instructions to respond within five days to the Commission.

Upon receipt of Mr. Rizzo's and the Zamparelli Committee's responses, or in the absence of replies within ten days, a full report will be made to the Commission.

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JOHN F. ZAMPARELLI REGISTER OF DEEDS

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Federal Election Commission Washington D. C. 20463

Attention: Charles N. Steele, Acting General Counsel

Gentlemen:

Re: MUR 990

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I am pleased to cooperate.

Please notify me if there is anything further that I may do.

Very truly yours,

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Finance Committee Suite 300. 11 Lawrence Street Lawrence: Massachusetts 01840 Phone (617) 682-2793

September 25, 1978

Honorable John F. Zamparelli Four Doane Road Medford, Massachusetts 02155

Dear John:

WE HAVE WON!

Paul is now the nominee for the Democratic party for the United States Senate in Massachusetts. I am sure you join with all of us in this joyous moment.

Now the work begins towards final victory on November 7th. You have played an indispensable part in our primary campaign. Your contribution has made it all happen.

"We now start from scratch". Our election requirement is \$500,000. It will not be easy, but then again, it was not easy for the primary. May I respectfully solicit a contribution from you towards the November victory?

Enclosed you will please find a self-addressed envelope for your convenience.

Again, I join with Paul in expressing to you our deepest gratitude for your help.

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NATIONAL FINANCE CHAIRMAN TSONGAS FOR U.S. SENATE COMMITTEE

smn Enclosure Paul Tsongas 80 Mansur Street Lowell, Massachusetta 01852

October 5, 1978

Committee to Re-Elect John Zamparelli 100 George P. Hassett Dr. Medford, MA

Dear Friends,

Because of your generous contribution and support--I am the Democratic Nominee for the United States Senate! I want to express my appreciation for your much-needed assistance.

Now, during the next few weeks before the general election, our campaign efforts must be accelerated and we must begin organizing to maintain the momentum we gained through our victory. It is only with the support of people like yourself that we were able to present my record and views to the voters of Massachusetts. You helped to make this victory possible, and I know through our combined efforts we will be successful on November 7.

Thank you again for your contribution. I hope I will merit your continued commitment and confidence in my candidacy for the United States Senate.

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Committee to Re-Eelct John Zamparelli 100 George P. Hassett Dr Medford, Massachusetts 02154

Dear Mr. Zamparelli;

Enclosed please find a check for \$5000.00 .

If you have any further questions please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely, 0 Patricia G. Bensetler

Treasurer Tsongas for Senate Committee

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Attention: Charles N. Steele, Acting General Counsel



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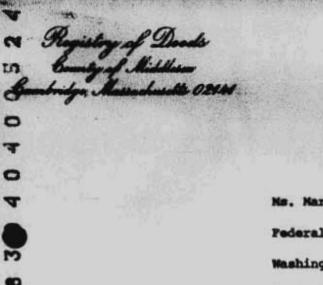
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CC: Ms. Mary Beth Tarrant

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Nicholas A. Rizzo, Jr. and John F. Zamparelli

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See answer to 1.iii).

MUR 990 John F. Zamparelli

ATTACHMENT

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Federal Election Commission Washington, D.C. 20463

Att: Charles N. Steele, Esquire



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

November 16, 1979

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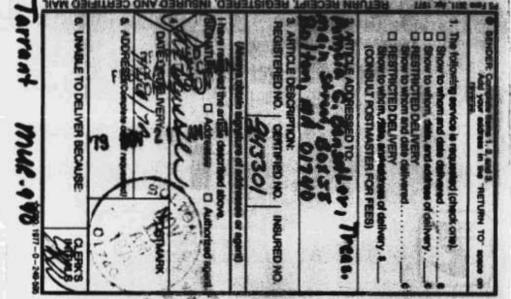
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Ralph Griffith, Treasurer National Republican Governors Campaign Committee 310 First Street, S.E. Washington, D.C. 20003

Re: MUR 1067

11/16/29

Dear Mr. Griffith:

This is in regard to the Commission's previous finding of reason to believe that your committee may have violated 2 U.S.C. \$433 and \$434 of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended ("the Act). After considering the information you provided and letters from both the Oregon Republican Party and the Nevada Republican Central Committee, the Commission determined, on November 1979, that there was no reasonable cause to believe that your committee violated the Act. Accordingly the Commission has closed its file on this matter.

Should you have any questions, please contact Marybeth Tarrant, the staff member now assigned to this matter, at (202) 523-4175.

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BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

In the Matter of Tsongas for Senate Committee Committee to Re-Elect Zamparelli

MUR 990

CERTIFICATION

I, Marjorie W. Emmons, Secretary to the Federal Election Commission, do hereby certify that on November 8, 1979, the Commission approved by a vote of 4-0 the letters with questions attached to the Acting General Counsel's Memorandum dated November 5, 1979 relating to the abovecaptioned matter.

Voting for this determination were Commissioners Aikens, Harris, McGarry, and Reiche.

Attest:

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Marjorie W. Emmons Secretary to the Commission

Received in Office of the Commission Secretary: 11-5-79, 1:45 Circulated on 48 hour vote basis: 11-6-79, 11:00



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

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MEMORANDUM TO:	CHARLES STEELE
FROM:	MARJORIE W. EMMONS/MARGARET CHANEY
DATE :	NOVEMBER 8, 1979
SUBJECT :	MUR 990 - COMMENTS REGARDING MUR 990

Attached is a copy of Commissioner Reiche's vote sheet with comments regarding the questions attached to the Memorandum dated 11-5-79.

ATTACHMENT: Copy of Vote Sheet

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RETURN TO OFFICE OF COMMISSION SECRETARY BY: THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 1979

MUR No. <u>990 - Memorandum</u> from OGC dated 11-5-79 with Letters and guestions

(V) I approve the recommendation

() I object to the recommendation

COMMENTS: But blease note my commente

Date: 11/6/19 Signature: Mank P. Reicho

THE OFFICE OF GENERAL COUNSEL WILL TAKE NO ACTION IN THIS MATTER UNTIL THE APPROVAL OF FOUR COMMISSIONERS IS RECEIVED. PLEASE RETURN ALL PAPERS NO LATER THAN THE DATE AND TIME SHOWN ABOVE TO THE OFFICE OF COMMISSION SECRETARY. ONE OBJECTION PLACES THE ITEM ON THE EXECUTIVE SESSION AGENDA.



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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

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FROM: William C. Oldaker General Counsel

> BY: Charles N. Steele Associate General Court

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October 22, 1979

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MEMORANDUM TO: Marge Emmons FROM: Jane Colgrove of SUBJECT: MUR 990

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Thank you.

October 18, 1979

MEMORANDUM TO: Marge Emmons FROM: Jane Colgrove SUBJECT: MUR 990

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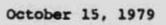
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MEMORANDUM TO:	CHARLES STEELE
FROM:	MARJORIE W. EMMONS/MARGARET CHANEY
DATE:	OCTOBER 16, 1979
SUBJECT :	MUR 990 - Interim Investigative Report dated 10-3-79; Signed 10-15-79; Received in OCS 10-15-79, 12:19

The above-named document was circulated to the Commission on a 24-hour no-objection basis at 4:00, October 15, 1979.

There were no objections to the Interim Investigative Report at the time of the deadline.



	MEMORANDUM TO:	Marge Emmons
	FROM:	Elissa T. Garr
	SUBJECT:	MUR 990
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BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMPLESSION PI2: 19 October 3, 1979

In the Matter of

Tsongas for Senate Committee Committee to Re-Elect John Zamparelli MUR 990

INTERIM INVESTIGATIVE REPORT

Due to conflicting information given by the respondents in their written replies, letters with questions will be sent to each committee. These letters will be circulated for approval shortly.

Pending replies from the respondents, a full report will be made to the Commission.

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William C. Oldaker General Counsel

September 26, 1979

MEMORANDUM TO:	Marge Emmons
FROM:	Elissa T. Garr
SUBJECT:	MUR 990

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Thankkyou.

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

: CHARLES STEELE
MARJORIE W. EMMONS/MARGARET CHANEY
SEPTEMBER 26, 1979
MUR 990 - General Counsel's Report dated 9-17-79; Signed 9-21-79; Received in OCS 9-21-79, 4:13

OBJECTION

The above-named document was circulated on a 48 hour vote basis at 11:00, September 24, 1979.

Commissioner McGarry submitted an objection at 11:40, September 26, 1979, requesting MUR 990 be placed on the Executive Session Agenda for discussion.

September 21, 1979

MEMORANDUM TO	: Marge Emmons
FROM:	Elissa T. Gar
SUBJECT :	MUR 990

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BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION September 17, 1979 79 SEP21 P4: 13

In the Matter of) Tsongas for Senate Committee) MUR 990 Committee to Re-Elect John) Zamparelli)

GENERAL COUNSEL'S REPORT

I. BACKGROUND

On June 20, 1979, the Commission found reason to believe that both the Tsongas for Senate Committee (the Tsongas Committee) and the Committee to Re-Elect John Zamparelli (the Zamparelli Committee) violated 2 U.S.C. §441a. Letters went out to both committees on June 25, 1979.

II. EVIDENCE

On July 16, 1979, this office received a letter from Frank J. Belinowiz, treasurer of the Zamparelli Committee. Mr. Belinowiz stated that his committee was solicited by the Chairman of the Tsongas Committee for a \$5,000 contribution. He said that the Zamparelli Committee was informed at the time that such a contribution would be legal as the matter had already been discussed with the Federal Election Commission.1/ Therefore, upon receiving clearance regarding state election laws, the \$5,000 contribution was made.

A response from Pat Bensetler, treasurer of the Tsongas Committee, indicates that her committee was under the impression

1/ No particular staff member of the FEC was mentioned.

the Zamparelli Committee was a registered multi-candidate committee (specific mention is even made to the question of whether or not the Zamparelli Committee was considered registered as of the certified mailing date of their registration forms.) Mrs. Bentsetler further stated that the Zamparelli Committee had given to many other federal candidates in the past.

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On August 30, 1979, a staff member of this office placed a phone call to Mr. Zamparelli concerning the Tsongas Committee's reply. Mr. Zamparelli confirmed the fact that both he and his committee have contributed to many federal candidates, however, his committee has never registered with the Commission. He said his committee was organized for a state election but has excess funds.2/

III. ANALYSIS

Section 441a(a)(1)(A) of the Act prohibits contributions in excess of \$1,000 and section 441a(f) prohibits the acceptance of such contributions. Section 441a(a)(2) sets a limit of \$5,000 on contributions by multi-candidate political committees and \$441a(a)(4) defines "multi-candidate political committee." The Zamparelli Committee does not meet this definition because it was not registered with the Commission. Therefore, the Zamparelli Committee was subject to the \$441a(a)(1)(A) limitation of \$1,000 and its contribution to the Tsongas Committee was in violation of this section.

^{2/} A review of the G index does not indicate activity in excess of \$1,000 per year by the Zamparelli Committee; however, forms and information have been sent to Mr. Zamparelli so that he might determine if his committee is subject to the requirements of 2 U.S.C. \$433 and \$434.

Although the Tsongas Committee was under the impression the Zamparelli Committee was a multi-candidate committee and thus, wrongly advised the Zamparelli Committee regarding their contribution of \$5,000, these factors do not operate to erase the respondents' liability under the Act. Therefore, the Office of General Counsel recommends the Commission find reasonable cause to believe both Committees violated 2 U.S.C. §441a.

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IV. RECOMMENDATION

- Find reasonable cause to believe that the Tsongas Committee violated 2 U.S.C. \$441a(f) and initiate conciliation.
- Find reasonable cause to believe the Zamparelli Committee violated 2 U.S.C. \$441a(a)(1)(A) and initiate conciliation.

Approve the attached conciliation agreements.

Send the attached letters.

21 Sept Date

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General Counsel

ATTACHMENTS

- 1. Response from Zamparelli Committee
- 2. Response from Tsongas Committee
- 3. Proposed Conciliation Agreements
- 4. Proposed letters

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Re: MUR 990

Attention: William C. Oldaker, Esquire

Dear Mr. Oldaker:

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In response to your letter of June 25, 1979, the allegation that the Committee to Re-Elect John Zamparelli made a contribution of \$5,000.00 to the Tsongas for Senate Committee and that the contribution was subsequently refunded is correct.

The factual background of the above transactions is that the Chairman of the Tsongas Finance Committee requested a contribution of \$5,000.00. He advised the Committee to Re-Elect John Zamparelli that it was legal and that he had checked the matter with the Federal Election Commission. A member of the Zamparelli Committee spoke with the Secretary of State's Office in Massachusetts and received clearance relative to the State Election Laws. The contribution was then made. At some future time, as a

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If the contribution constituted a violation of 2 U.S.C. Section 441A(a)(1)(A), I suggest the facts show no intent to avoid or violate any law and that an attempt to cure the oversight was timely made. I respectfully request that no action be taken.

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At this point I again checked with the FEC and was informed that the Commission was looking into the matter and would contact the Tsongas Committee if the check was to be returned. As you are aware, a letter from the FEC was sent to the Tsongas Committee in December requesting that the contribution be returned. The Tsongas Committee returned the contribution in full .

If you have any additional questions please feel free to contact me. I have outlined the events surrounding the receipt of the contribution under question to the best of my ability and state that the information I have supplied is accurate. I certainly do not contest that the contribution was given or received. I do believe that the Tsongas Committee acted , at all times, as we have from the begining of the Congressional Committee, with the intent to support the letter and the spirit of the law.

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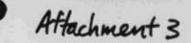
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Patricia G. Bensetler Treasurer Tsongas For Senate Committee



BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION September 17, 1979

In the Matter of)) MUR 990 Tsongas for Senate Committee)

CONCILIATION AGREEMENT

This matter having been initiated by the Federal Election Commission (hereinafter "the Commission"), pursuant to information ascertained in the normal course of carrying out its supervisory responsibilities, and after reasonable cause to believe having been found that Tsongas for Senate Committee ("Respondent") violated 2 U.S.C. §441a(f) by accepting a \$5,000 contribution from the Committee to Re-Elect John Zamparelli.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Commission and Respondent, having duly entered into conciliation pursuant to 2 U.S.C. \$437g(a) (5), do hereby agree as follows:

I. The Commission has jurisdiction over the Respondent and the subject matter of this proceeding.

II. Respondent has had a reasonable opportunity to demonstrate that no action should be taken in this matter.

III. Respondent enters voluntarily into this Agreement with the Commission.

IV. The pertinent facts in this matter are as follows:

 Respondent, pursuant to 2 U.S.C. \$431(n), was the principal campaign committee for candidate Paul Tsongas for the 1978 campaign for the U.S. Senate.

2. That, as such, it was subject to the contribution limitations of 2 U.S.C. §441a which prohibits any person

from making a contribution in excess of \$1,000 per election and also prohibits the acceptance of any excess contributions.

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 Respondent accepted a \$5,000 contribution from the Committee to Re-Elect John Zamparelli on September 14, 1978.

WHEREFORE, Respondent agrees:

V. Respondent violated 2 U.S.C. §441a(f) by accepting a \$5,000 contribution from the Committee to Re-Elect John Zamparelli.

VI. Respondent will pay a civil penalty to the Treasurer of the United States in the amount of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000), pursuant to 2 U.S.C. \$437g(a)(6)(B).

VII. Respondent agrees that it shall not undertake any activity which is in violation of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended, 2 U.S.C. §431, et seq.

GENERAL CONDITIONS

VIII. The Commission, on request of anyone filing a complaint under 2 U.S.C. §437g(a)(1) concerning the matters at issue herein or on its own motion, may review compliance with this agreement. If the Commission believes that this agreement or any requirement thereof has been violated, it may institute a civil action for relief in the United States District Court for the District of Columbia.

IX. It is mutually agreed that this agreement shall become effective as of the date that all parties hereto have executed same and the Commission has approved the entire agreement. X. It is agreed that respondent shall have no more than thirty (30) days from the date this agreement becomes effective to comply with and implement the requirement contained in this agreement and to so notify the Commission.

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William C. Oldaker General Counsel Federal Election Commission

> Tsongas for Senate Committee BY: Patricia G. Bensetler ITS: Treasurer

Date

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BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION September 17, 1979

In the Matter of

Committee to Re-Elect John Zamparelli MUR 990

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Committee to Re-Elect John Zamparelli

BY: Frank J. Belinowiz

ITS: Treasurer

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

1325 K STREET N.W. WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

CERTIFIED MAIL RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Patricia G. Bensetler, Treasurer Tsongas for Senate Committee Main Street, Box 58 Bolton, MA 01740

Re: MUR 990

Dear Ms. Bensetler:

On September , 1979, the Commission determined there was reasonable cause to believe that your committee committed a violation of 2 U.S.C. §441a(f) of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended, in connection with your acceptance of a \$5,000 contribution from the Committee to Elect John Zamparelli.

The Commission has a duty to attempt to correct such violations for a period of 30 days by informal methods of conference, conciliation and persuasion, and by entering into a conciliation agreement. 2 U.S.C. \$437g(a)(5)(A). If we are unable to reach an agreement during that period, the Commission may, upon a finding of probable cause to believe a violation has occurred, institute civil suit in United States District Court and seek payment of a civil penalty.

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

1325 K STREET N.W. WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

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Mr. Frank J. Belinowiz, Treasurer Committee to Re-Elect John Zamparelli 100 George P. Hassett Drive Medford, MA 02155

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

MEMORANDUM TO:	CHARLES STEELE
FROM:	MARJORIE W. EMMONS My E by pe
DATE:	AUGUST 13, 1979
SUBJECT:	MUR 990 - Interim Investigative Report dated 8-8-79; Signed by GC 8-9-79; Received in OCS 8-10-79, 11:36

The above-named document was circulated to the Commission on a 24-hour no-objection basis at 2:00, August 10, 1979.

There were no objections to the Interim Investigative Report at the time of the deadline.



August 10, 1979

MEMORANDUM TO: Marge Emmons PROM: Jane Colgrove SUBJECT: MUR 990

Please have the attached Interim Investigative Report on MUR 990 distributed to the Commission on a 24 hour no-objection basis.

Thank you.

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BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION August 8 , 1979 / AUGIO All: 36

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Tsongas for Senate Committee Committee to Elect John Zamparelli

INTERIM INVESTIGATIVE REPORT

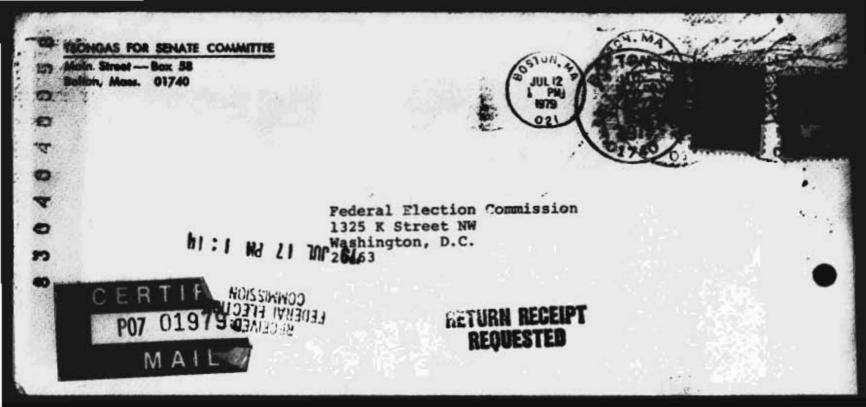
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Upon a response from the Zamarelli Committee, a full report and recommendation will be made to the Commission.

Date

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William C. Oldaker General Counsel





FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

1325 K STREET N.W. WASHINGTON,D.C. 20463

MEMORANDUM TO:	CHARLES STEELE
FROM:	CHARLES STEELE MARJORIE W. EMMONS
DATE:	JULY 17, 1979
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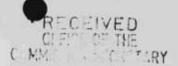
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July 13, 1979

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FROM:	Elissa T. Garr					
SUBJECT :	MUR 990					

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Thank you.



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INTERIM INVESTIGATIVE REPORT

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Re: MUR 990

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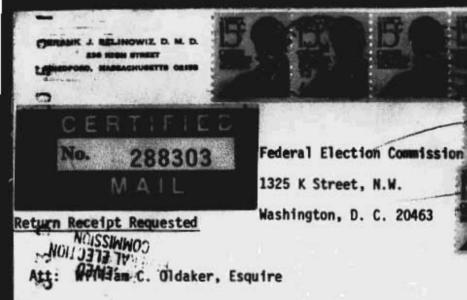
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Dear Sir/Madam;

This letter is in response to your letter concerning MUR 990.

I respectively request that you give this committee an extension on the 10 day deadline for reply to your letter. This request comes at the same time as the Quarterly Federal Report and the July 4th holiday.

I will respond to your request for information in a timely manner and will seek no unreasonable delays.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely, Patricia G Bensetler

Treasurer Tsongas for Senate Committee

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

Attn: William C. Odaker, Esquire

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Re: MUR 990

Dear Mr. Odaker:

Your letter directed to the Treasurer of the Committee to Re-Elect John Zamparelli has been brought to my attention. I was unable to reach the Treasurer, Dr. Francis Belinowiz, or the Chairman, Andrew J. Zamparelli.

I am leaving for a vacation planned in advance of receipt of your communication and shall return July 10, 1979. I respectfully request an extension of an additional ten days to allow the Treasurer to respond.

Rest assured of my cooperation.

Very truly yours,

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

1325 K STREET N.W. WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

June 25, 1979

CERTIFIED MAIL RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Treasurer Committee to Re-Elect John Zamparelli 100 George P. Hassett Drive Medford, MA

Re: MUR 990

Dear Treasurer:

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The Commission is under a duty to investigate this matter expeditiously. Therefore, your response should be submitted within ten days after your receipt of this notification.

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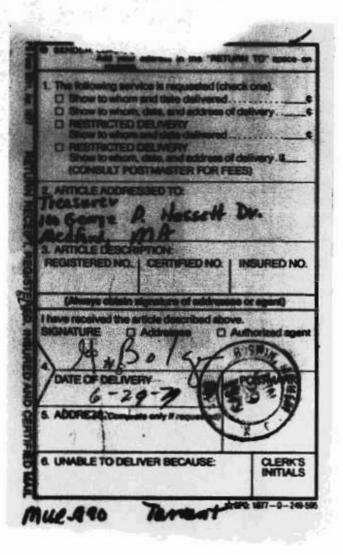
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June 25, 1979

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This matter will remain confidential in accordance with 2 U.S.C. Section 437g(a)(3)(B) unless you notify the Commission in writing that you wish the investigation to be made public.

If you intend to be represented by counsel in this mateer, phease have such counsel so notify us in writing.

Sincerely,

William C. Oldaker General Counsel



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

1325 K STREET N.W. WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

CERTIFIED MAIL RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

June 25, 1979

Senator Paul E. Tsongas United States Senate 437 Russell Senate Office Building Washington, D.C.

Re: MUR 990

Dear Senator Tsongas:

This is to advise you that on June 20 , 1979, the Federal Election Commission found reason to believe that your committee, the Tsongas for Senate Committee may have violated 2 U.S.C. \$441a by accepting an excessive contribution of \$5,000 from the Committee to Re-Elect John Zamparelli. This section of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended, precludes the acceptance of contributions over \$1,000 from such a committee.

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BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

In the Matter of

MUR 990

Tsongas for Senate Committee Committee to Re-Elect John Zamparelli

CERTIFICATION

I, Marjorie W. Emmons, Secretary to the Federal Election Commission, do hereby certify that on June 20, 1979, the Commission determined by a vote of 6-0 to adopt the following recommendations, as set forth in the First General Counsel's Report dated June 18, 1979, regarding the above-captioned matter:

- Find reason to believe that both the Tsongas for Senate Committee and the Committee to Re-Elect John Zamparelli violated 2 U.S.C. §441a.
- Approve the letters attached to the above-named report.

Voting for this determination were Commissioners Aikens, Friedersdorf, Harris, McGarry, Thomson, and Tiernan.

Attest:

6/21/79

Date

marioue W. Emmons

/ Marjorie M. Emmons Secretary to the Commission

Received in Office of Commission Secretary: 6-18-79, 12:49 Circulated on 48 hour vote basis: 6-18-79, 4:00

June 18, 1979

MEMORANDUM TO: Marge Emmons FROM: Jane Colgrove SUBJECT: MUR 990

Please have the attached First General Counsel's Report on MUR 990 distributed to the Commission on a 48 hour tally basis.

Thank you.

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Tsongas for Senate Committee, Bolton, MA Committee to Re-Elect John Zamparelli, Medford, MA

RELEVANT STATUTE: 2 U.S.C. \$441a

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GENERATION OF MATTER

On June 5, 1979, the Tsongas for Senate Committee (the Tsongas Committee) was referred to the Office of General Counsel by the Reports Analysis Division (RAD) for receipt of an excessive contribution, in violation of 2 U.S.C. § 441a.

EVIDENCE

On their October 10, 1978 Quarterly Report, the Tsongas Committee disclosed a \$5,000 contribution from the Committee to Re-Elect John Zamparelli (the Zamparelli Committee), an unregistered committee. A surface violation letter was sent to both committees by RAD on January 5, 1979. The treasurer of the Tsongas Committee, Patricia Bensetler, phoned RAD on January 19, 1979, and was advised by RAD to return the money. A few days later, the Commission received written notice the contribution would be returned. This response was considered inadequate, however, because it did not specifically state the money had been returned. RAD informed Ms. Bensetler of the problem by telephone on March 29, 1979. In response, a copy of the check for \$5,000 made out to the Zamparelli Committee, which was dated January 19, 1979, was sent to the Commission. This refund was also disclosed on the Tsongas Committee's April 10, -1979 Report. Although the Zamparelli Committee did not respond to the surface violation letter regarding their status as a political committee, nothing further was sent to the committee because the contribution had been returned.

ANALYSIS

Here the excessive contribution was clearly made and accepted in violation of 2 U.S.C. § 441a. Therefore, the Office of General Counsel recommends a finding of reason to believe that both committees violated the Act.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Find reason to believe that both the Tsongas for Senate Committee and the Committee to Re-Elect John Zamparelli violated 2 U.S.C. § 441a.
- 2. Approve the attached letters.

Attachments

1. Referral from RAD

2. Proposed letters

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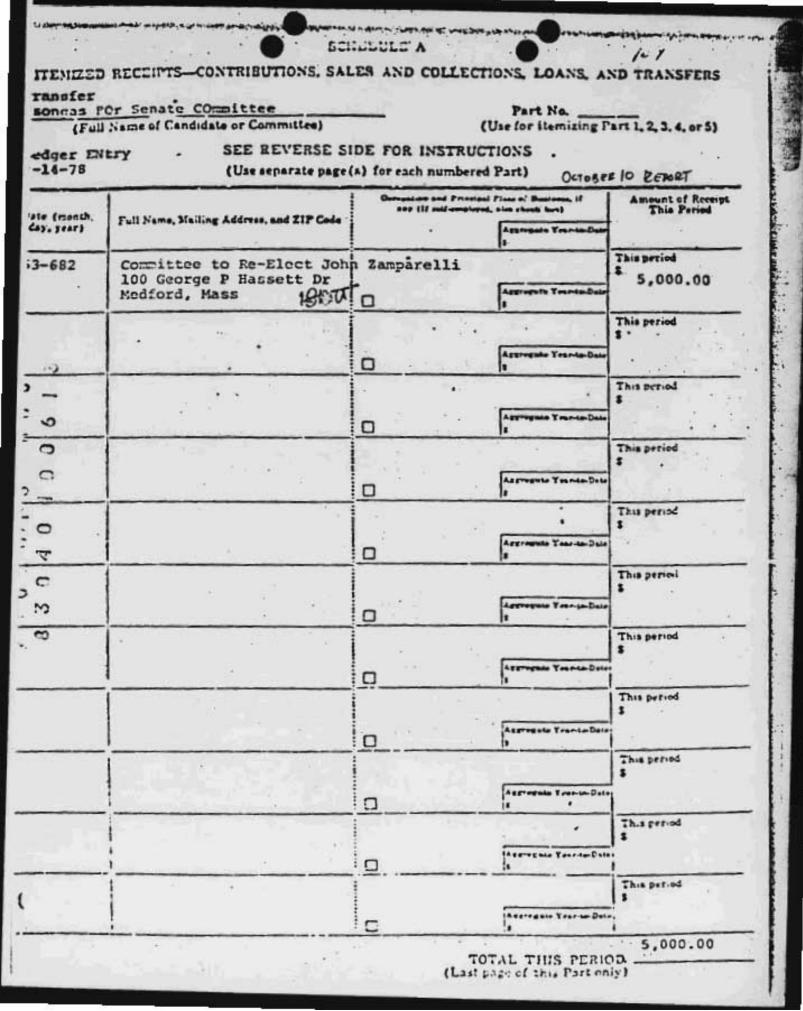
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1125 K STREET N.W. WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

January 5, 1979

Ms. Patricia G. Bensetler, Treasurer Tsongsas For Senate Committee Main Street Box 58 Bolton, Massachusetts 01740

Dear Ms. Bensetler:

This letter is prompted by the Commission's interest in assisting candidates and committees who wish to comply with the Federal Election Campaign Act, as amended. During review of the October 10 Report of Receipts and Expenditures, we noticed an entry indicating that you may have received a contribution which exceeds the limits set forth in the Act. A copy of that portion of your report is attached so that a review of your records can be made.

The Act precludes individuals and political committees, other than multicandidate committees, from making political contributions to a candidate for Federal election in excess of \$1,000 per election. The Act defines a multicandidate committee as one which has been registered for a period of not less than six months; has received contributions from more than fifty persons; and has made contributions to five or more candidates for Federal office. The committee listed as the source of the contribution in question does not presently qualify as a multicandidate committee and we have notified them accordingly. We have recommended that the source committee notify you if it is confirmed that the contribution was in excess of the limits.

The Commission recommends that if you find the contribution you received was in excess of the limits set forth in the Act you return the amount in excess of \$1,000 to the donor. This return should be reported immediately by letter and should be reflected as a contribution refund on your next report of receipts and expenditures. If you find that the entry in question is incomplete or incorrect, please submit a statement which would clarify this particular matter for the public record. You may do so by amending your original report by letter.

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Please notify the Commission within fifteen (15) days from the date of this letter of the determination made on this matter. If you have any questions concerning this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Bill Coppe! (800)424-9530, our Reports Analyst assigned to you. Our local telephone number is 523-4172.

Sincerely,

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Orlando B. Potter Staff Director

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Is. Bensetler called in response to the surface violation notice the committee received for the receipt of an excessive contribution form an unregistered committee. The Q3 report of the Tsongas Committee indicates that the Committee to Re-Elect John Zampareilli transfered \$5000 to the Tsongas Committee. I advised Ms. Bensetler to return the money based on the fact that the Act does not allow unregistered committees to contribute in excess of \$1000 to any federal campaign. I further advised her that the committee should return the entire amount since she would not be able to determine how many other federal campaigns the Zampareilli committee has contributed to.

Bensetler said that she understood and would respond to it as soon as she looked into the matter.

TSONGAS FOR SENATE COMMITTEE

Patricia Sensetler, Treasurer

HA. J ULLIVERED - 15 44 1:19 January 19,1979

Federal Election Cormission 1325 K Street N.W. Mashington, D.C. 20463

Dear Sir/Madam;

This letter is to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated January 5,1979.

The committee will be returning the contribution from the Committee to Re-Elect John Zamparielli, 100 George P. Nassett Dr., Medford, Massachusetts.

"> Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

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Patricia G. Bensetler Treasurer Tsongas for Senate Committee MEMORANDUM: FOR FILES

RE: TELECON

RROWIX TO: Patricia Bensetler, Treasurer

DATE: 3/29/79

NAME OF COMMITTEE: Tsongas for Senate Committee/MA

I called Ms. Bensetler with regards to the response we received concerning the excessive contribution from the Zamparielli <u>Committee</u>. I advised her that the response was not adequate, since the letter indicated that she "will be returning the contribution", making it appear that she had not done so. I also asked her to forward that concelled check to verify the transaction. She agreed to provide the information so as to achieve compliance.

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Federal Election Commission 1325 K Street NW Washington, D.C. 20463

Dear Bill,

Enclosed please find a copy of our check to John Zamparelli for \$5,000. I have also enclosed a copy of the report from the First Bank and Trust showing that the check was processed by our bank.

If you have any further questions please contact me.

You should note that the date of the payment of the check is January 19,1979. Our report of this expenditure will appear on the first quarterly report.

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Patricia G. Bensetler Treasurer Tsongas For Senate Committee

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1325 K STREET N.W. WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

January 5, 1979

Committee to Re-Elect John Zamparelli 100 George P. Hassett Dr. Medford, MA

Dear Treasurer:

This letter is prompted by the Commission's interest in assisting committees who wish to comply with the Federal Election Campaign Act. Our review of the receipts reported by Tsongsas for Senate Committee indicates that your organization may have made contributions which total in excess of \$1,000 during the calendar year. Enclosed is a copy(s) of the report(s) in which your contribution(s) is listed.

The act defines "political committee" to mean any organization, or other group of persons which receives contributions or makes expenditures (which includes contributions to Federal candidates and committees supporting Federal candidates), aggregating in excess of \$1,000 during a calendar year. It would appear that your organization may qualify as a "political committee" subject to registration, reporting, and contribution limitation requirements of the Act.

If you agree that your organization is a political committee, please submit a Statement of Organization on FEC Form 1, in accordance with 2 U.S.C. 433. In addition, your committee will be required to file disclosure reports in accordance with 2 U.S.C. 434 on FEC Form 3.

If you agree that your organization has made contributions or expenditures which qualify you as a "political committee", but you do not wish to be considered as a "political committee", you must request refund(s) from the candidate(s) and/or political committee(s) to which you have contributed. As an alternative, political committees to which you made contributions may transfer all or part of the contributions to accounts which are not used to influence Federal elections. Refunds or transfers must be made in such amounts that the total remaining contributions made by you do not exceed \$1,000 during a calendar year.

If you believe that your organization is not a political committee, or that the Commission is otherwise in error, please submit a statement which would clarify this matter for the public record. We have also enclosed relevant informational materials and forms for the registration of and reporting by the political committee. Please examine the enclosed materials.

Please notify the Commission within thirty (30) days from the date on this letter of your decision on this matter. If you have any questions, please contact Bill Coppel, in our Reports Analysis Division at (800)424-9530. Our local number is (202)523-4048.

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Sincerely,

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Orlando B. Potter Staff Director

Certified Mail Return Receipts Requested

Enclosures

Attachment 2



1325 K STREET N.W. WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

CERTIFIED MAIL RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Treasurer Committee to Re-Elect John Zamparelli 100 George P. Hassett Drive Medford, MA

Re: MUR 990

Dear Treasurer:

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Based on information ascertained in the normal course of carrying out its supervisory responsibilities, the Federal Election Commission has found reason to believe that your committee, the Committee to Re-Elect John Zamparelli, may have violated certain provisions of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended ("the Act"). Specifically it appears that you made a contribution of \$5,000 to the Tsongas for Senate Committee, in violation of 2 U.S.C. §441a(a)(1)(A). While we note the contribution was refunded, the Act was violated when the contribution was made.

We have numbered this matter MUR 990.

• Under the Act, you have an opportunity to demonstrate that no action should be taken against you. 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.

The Commission is under a duty to investigate this matter expeditiously. Therefore, your response should be submitted within ten days after your receipt of this notification.

If you have any questions, please contact Marybeth Tarrant, the staff member assigned to this matter, at 202-523-4175.



This matter will remain confidential in accordance with 2 U.S.C. Section 437g(a)(3)(B) unless you notify the Commission in writing that you wish the investigation to be made public.

If you intend to be represented by counsel in this matter, please have such counsel so notify us in writing.

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Sincerely,

William C. Oldaker General Counsel



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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

1325 K STREET N.W. WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

CERTIFIED MAIL RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Patricia G. Bensetler, Treasurer Tsongas for Senate Committee Main St., Box 58 Bolton, MA 01740

Re: MUR 990

Dear Ms. Bensetler:

Based on information ascertained in the normal course of carrying out its supervisory responsibilities, the Federal Election Commission has found reason to believe your Committee, the Tsongas for Senate Committee, may have violated certain provisions of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended ("the Act"). Specifically it appears that you accepted a \$5,000 contribution from The Committee to Re-Elect John Zamparelli, in violation of 2 U.S.C. § 441a. While we note the contribution has been returned, the Act was violated when you accepted the contribution.

We have numbered this matter MUR 990.

Under the Act, you have an opportunity to demonstrate that no action should be taken against you. 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.

The Commission is under a duty to investigate this matter expeditiously. Therefore, your response should be submitted within ten days after your receipt of this notification.

If you have any questions, please contact Marybeth Tarrant, the staff member assigned to this matter, at (202) 523-4175.

This matter will remain confidential in accordance with 2 U.S.C. Section 437g(a)(3)(B) unless you notify the Commission in writing that you wish the investigation to be made public.

If you intend to be represented by counsel in this matter, please have such counsel so notify us in writing.

Sincerely,

William C. Oldaker General Counsel

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CERTIFIED MAIL RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Senator Paul E. Tsongas United States Senate 437 Russell Senate Office Building Washington, D.C.

Re: MUR 990

Dear Senator Tsongas:

This is to advise you that on June , 1979, the Federal Election Commission found reason to believe that your committee, the Tsongas for Senate Committee may have violated 2 U.S.C. \$441a by accepting an excessive contribution of \$5,000 from the Committee to Re-Elect John Zamparelli. This section of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended, precludes the acceptance of contributions over \$1,000 from such a committee.

While the Committee Treasurer is responsible for the acceptance of contributions made to a Federal committee, we believe that you, as the candidate, • should be made aware of this development.

Under 2 U.S.C. §437g(a)(3)(B), this matter will remain confidential unless the Tsongas for Senate Committee notifies the Commission in writing that it wishes the investigation to be made public.

If you have any questions, please contact Marybeth Tarrant, the staff member assigned to this matter, at 202-523-4175.

Sincerely,

William C. Oldaker General Counsel



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Federal Election Commission 1325 K Street NW Washington, D.C. 20463

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Dear Sir/Madam;

This letter is in response to your letter of November 16,1979 requesting additional information concerning the contribution from Mr. Zamparielli in September 1978.

I would like to state at the onset that the answers I will be giving to your questions are based soley on information that I have of the events of last September. I have forwarded some of the questions for additional comment to Mr. Nick Rizzo. I have enclosed a copy of the letter that I sent to him today.

I was not directly involved in fund raising. Mr. Rizzo was the principal fund raiser. He was the one that had direct contact with Mr. Zamparielli and in the best position to answer the technical questions concerning the actual date of the solicitation as well as the circumstances surrounding the contribution. I will answer all the other questions to the best of my ability and if you need additional information please feel free to contact me.

1. Yes, to my knowledge the Committee to Elect John Zamparielli was solicitated in regard to the contribution to the Tsongas for Senate Committee. I am certain that Mr. Zamparielli was very aware of the financial status of the committee just before the election . He was a member of the Finance Committee and as a member of the committee was aware of the campaign finances . Often this sort of contribution may not be directly solicitated but certainly ,by the nature of his involvement with the campaign he was aware of our need and his ability to contribute to the committee.

Mr. Zamparielli and Mr. Nick Rizzo were the persons involved in the solicition of the contribution. Mr. Zamparielli delivered the contributionto the best of my knowledge - directly to the main campaign headquarters in Boston. The contribution was received by the Campaign Manager Dennis Kanin.

I assume that Mr. Rizzo informed Mr. Zamparielli concerning the nature of the legality of the contribution. Mr. Rizzo informed me that he had checked with the counsel of the House and Senate Counsel and that that individual had checked with the FEC that the contribution was legal. I assume that this conversation with the FEC was prompted by the desire of Mr. Zamparielli to contribute to the committee and the information was passed on to him. I contacted the FEC concerning the legality of the contribution. After the pre-primary reports of the committee were made public, we were informed that the FEC had been contacted by a reporter from the Boston media. He had been told that the contribution was illegal. I called and , in the evening, spoke to the FEC Press representative. He told me that he did not have the Zamparielli committee registered but that that was not enough to indicate that there were problems with the contribution. I assumed that we were discussing the committee as a multi-candidate committee and not as a simple candidate committee. My understanding was that the issue was whether the Zamparielli committee was a legal Multi-candidate committee . I assumed that he had registered with the FEC as a committee.

Later , the next day I believe, I contacted Bill Coppell and asked him about the contribution. Apparently he had been informed that there was some question concerning the contribution but told me that I should wait until contacted by the FEC before I returned the contribution. All this time I never at any time understood that the Zamparielli Committee was not registered with the FEC even as a candidate committee. Additionally, I was told in December , when I was informed that the contribution was to be returned , that we need only return the \$4,000. because the \$1,000 would have been a legal contribution. This information was transmitted to me by telephone in a conversation with the FEC.

You final question in section 1 I believe I have answered above. Mr Zamparielli was a member of the Finance Committee and was aware of the nature of the campaign finances. I have just checked our original committee filing to note whether Mr. Zamparielli was a member of the committee. He apparently was not at the point of the registration but had been previoulsy, and I assume that there was a clerical error in not including his name as a member of the Finance Committee.

2. I think that I have answered this question above. I knew that the Zamparielli committee had given to the Tsongas Committee before, I knew that he had given to other candidates and their committees and I had no reason to believe that he was not a multi-candidate committee.

• I might make an additional statement. I frankly feel that the problems that have arisen concerning the Zamparielli contribution would have been avoided, at least on the part of the Tsongas for Senate Committee concerning the activities that I was directly involved in, if the FEC had acted immediatly and informed us that the contribution was illegal. We would have returned the contribution immediatly. We had no desire to take such an obvious jillegal contribution if we had been informed at any point that the contribution should have been returned. I feel that our contact with the FEC was one that could be characterized on the Commission's part as an issue of no grave concern. If I had been told the actual circumstances, from the Commission's perspective I would have immediatly returned the contribution and had sought to straighten out the matter on the Committee's end.

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As I stated in my letter previously, we have, through the years , made all possible attempts to reflect the guidelines of the FEC in both the spirit and the letter of the Act. We certainly would not have taken knowingly such an illegal contribution and would have acted sooner if the FEC had informed us concerning the nature of the contribution.

Please feel free to contact me for additional information.

Sincerely, vite G. Bensetler Patricia

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November 19,1979

Nick Rizzo Box 513 Andover, Massachusetts

Dear Nick;

The FEC has requested additional information concerning the Zamparielli contribution. There are some questions I cannot answer and they have requested that I send the questions to you.

The questions are; 1. The data of the solicitation of the contribution.

2. The circumstances of the solicitation- did he contact you or did you contact him?

3. Did you inform Mr. Zamparielli that the contribution was legal?
 Please describe here the details of your conversation with the House and Senate Counsel regarding the nature of the contribution. The FEC needs to know the circumstances of you conversations, the contact that their counsel had with the FEC and any other particulars. Did John ask you to call them?, did you do so on your own iniatitive, etc?

I will be answering all the questions put to me by the FEC to the best of my ability. They will need your information before they can make an informed judgement as to this matter.

• If you have any questions please feel free to contact me. They will Theed a response from you in five days.

Sincerely,

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♥ Pat Bensetler

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1125 K. STREET N.W. WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

January 5, 1979

Ms. Patricia G. Bensetler, Treasurer Tsongsas For Senate Committee Main Street Box 58 Bolton, Massachusetts 01740

Dear Ms. Bensetler:

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This letter is prompted by the Commission's interest in assisting candidates and committees who wish to comply with the Federal Election Campaign Act, as amended. During review of the October 10 Report of Receipts and Expenditures, we noticed an entry indicating that you may have received a contribution which exceeds the limits set forth in the Act. A copy of that portion of your report is attached so that a review of your records can be made.

The Act precludes individuals and political committees, other than multicandidate committees, from making political contributions to a candidate for Federal election in excess of \$1,000 per election. The Act defines a multicandidate committee as one which has been registered for a period of not less than six months; has received contributions from more than fifty persons; and has made contributions to five or more candidates for Federal office. The committee listed as the source of the contribution in question does not presently qualify as a multicandidate committee and we have notified them accordingly. We have recommended that the source committee notify you if it is confirmed that the contribution was in excess of the limits.

The Commission recommends that if you find the contribution you received was in excess of the limits set forth in the Act you return the amount in excess of \$1,000 to the donor. This return should be reported immediately by letter and should be reflected as a contribution refund on your next report of receipts and expenditures. If you find that the entry in question is incomplete or incorrect, please submit a statement which would clarify this particular matter for the public record. You may do so by amending your original report by letter.

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Please notify the Commission within fifteen (15) days from the date of this letter of the determination made on this matter. If you have any questions concerning this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Bill Coppel (800)424-9530, our Reports Analyst assigned to you. Our local telephone number is 523-4172.

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Is. Bensetler called in response to the surface violation notice the committee received for the receipt of an excessive contribution form an unregistered committee. The Q3 report of the Tsongas Committee indicates that the Committee to Re-Elect John Zampareilli transfered \$5000 to the Tsongas Committee. I advised Ns. Bensetler to return the money based on the fact that the Act does not allow unregistered committees to contribute in excess of \$1000 to any federal campaign. I further advised her that the committee should return the entire amount since she would not be able to determine how many other federal campaigns the Zampareilli committee has contributed to.

Bensetler said that she understood and would respond to it as soon as she looked into the matter.

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Federal Election Cornission 1325 K Street N.W. Mashington, D.C. 20463

Dear Sir/Madam;

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This letter is to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated January 5,1979.

... The committee will be returning the contribution from the Committee to Re-Elect John Zamparielli, 100 George P. -- Hassett Dr., Medford, Massachusetts.

O Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

o Sincerely. - al Juill Patricia G. Bensetler Treasurer Tsongas for Senate Committee

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RROMX TO: Patricia Bensetler, Treasurer

DATE: 3/29/79

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I called Ms. Bensetler with regards to the response we received concerning the excessive contribution from the Zamparielli Committee. I advised her that the response was not adequate, since the letter indicated that she "will be returning the contribution", making it appear that she had not done so. I also asked her to forward that cancelled check to verify the transaction. She agreed to provide the information so as to achieve compliance. SECRETARY OF THE SECRETARY OF THE

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Dear Bill,

Enclosed please find a copy of our check to John Zamparelli for \$5,000. I have also enclosed a copy of the report from the First Bank and Trust showing that the check was processed by our bank.

If you have any further questions please contact me.

You should note that the date of the payment of the check is January 19,1979. Our report of this expenditure will appear on the first quarterly report.

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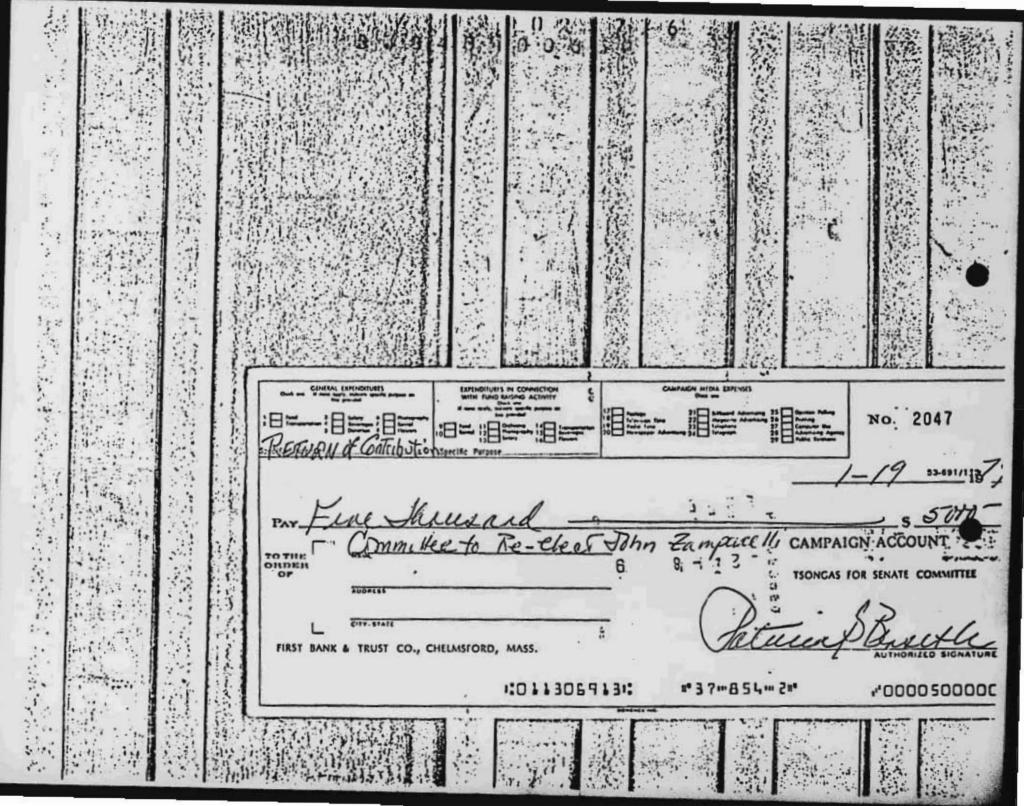
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January 5, 1979

Committee to Re-Elect John Zamparelli 100 George P. Hassett Dr. Medford, MA

Dear Treasurer:

This letter is prompted by the Commission's interest in assisting committees who wish to comply with the Federal Election Campaign Act. Our review of the receipts reported by Tsongsas for Senate Committee indicates that your organization may have made contributions which total in excess of \$1,000 during the calendar year. Enclosed is a copy(s) of the report(s) in which your contribution(s) is listed.

The act defines "political committee" to mean any organization, or other group of persons which receives contributions or makes expenditures (which includes contributions to Federal candidates and committees supporting Federal candidates), aggregating in excess of \$1,000 during a calendar year. It would appear that your organization may qualify as a "political committee" subject to registration, reporting, and contribution limitation requirements of the Act.

If you agree that your organization is a political committee, please submit a Statement of Organization on FEC Form 1, in accordance with 2 U.S.C. 433. In addition, your committee will be required to file disclosure reports in accordance with 2 U.S.C. 434 on FEC Form 3.

If you agree that your organization has made contributions or expenditures which qualify you as a "political committee", but you do not wish to be considered as a "political committee", you must request refund(s) from the candidate(s) and/or political committee(s) to which you have contributed. As an alternative, political committees to which you made contributions may transfer all or part of the contributions to accounts which are not used to influence Federal elections. Refunds or transfers must be made in such amounts that the total remaining contributions made by you do not exceed \$1,000 during a calendar year.

If you believe that your organization is not a political committee, or that the Commission is otherwise in error, please submit a statement which would clarify this matter for the public record. We have also enclosed relevant informational materials and forms for the registration of and reporting by the political committee. Please examine the enclosed materials. Please notify the Commission within thirty (30) days from the date on this letter of your decision on this matter. If you have any questions, please contact Bill Coppel, in our Reports Analysis Division at (800)424-9530. Our local number is (202)523-4048.

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Sincerely,

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Orlando B. Potter Staff Director

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