

Republican National Committee

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Mr. Michael E. Scurry
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Federal Election Commission
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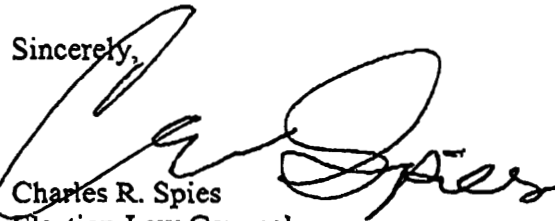
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RE: MUR 5197
Republican National Committee and
Michael L. Retzer, as treasurer

Dear Mr. Scurry,

The Federal Election Commission recently informed my clients, the Republican National Committee and Michael L. Retzer, as treasurer, that the Commission has found reason to believe that they may have violated provisions of the Federal Election Campaign Act. This notification from the Commission comes over two years after the RNC last had any correspondence with the Commission regarding this matter, and involves brand new allegations of violations that were apparently dug up by Commission staff, but were never alleged in the original Complaint.

The RNC is now searching our warehouse to collect necessary documentation, and hereby requests a twenty (20) day extension to time to respond to the Commission's notification. This extension of time is necessary to compile this historical documentation, and will allow an accurate response from the RNC.

Sincerely,

Charles R. Spies
Election Law Counsel