

FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, DC 20463

Andrea Maya Windholz, Vice President, Media Law National Broadcasting Company 30 Rockefeller Plaza New York, NY 10112

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RE:

MUR 5395

MSNBC News

Dear Ms. Windholz:

The Federal Election Commission previously notified MSNBC News of a complaint alleging violations of certain sections of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended. On January 19, 2005, the Commission found, on the basis of the information in the complaint, and information provided by you, that there is no reason to believe MSNBC News violated 2 U.S.C. § 441b and 11 C.F.R. § 110.13. Accordingly, the Commission closed its file in this matter.

Documents related to the case will be placed on the public record within 30 days. See Statement of Policy Regarding Disclosure of Closed Enforcement and Related Files, 68 Fed. Reg. 70,426 (Dec. 18, 2003). A copy of the General Counsel's Report is enclosed for your information.

If you have any questions, please contact Margaret Toalson, the attorney assigned to this matter at (202) 694-1650.

Sincerely,

Lawrence H. Norton

General Counsel

X: Lawrence L. Calvert Jr.

Deputy Associate General Counsel

for Enforcement

Enclosure

General Counsel's Report