



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20463

VIA CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

October 1, 2021

Russell S. Kussman
1158 26th Street #473
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RE: MURs 7266 & 7623

Dear Mr. Kussman:

This is in reference to the complaint you filed with the Federal Election Commission on July 22, 2019. We note that the Office of General Counsel administratively severed from your MUR 7623 complaint the allegation that officials from the Donald J. Trump campaign met with Russian nationals on June 9, 2016, in Trump Tower to obtain opposition research and merged that allegation into pre-existing MUR 7266.

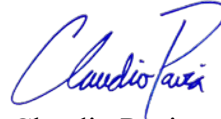
On August 18, 2021, we wrote to inform you that (1) on March 9, 2021, the Commission considered the allegations in MUR 7266 but was equally divided on whether to find reason to believe that Donald J. Trump and Make America Great Again PAC (f/k/a Donald J. Trump for President, Inc.) and Bradley T. Crate in his official capacity as treasurer (the "Trump Committee") and Donald J. Trump, Jr. violated 52 U.S.C. § 30121(a)(2) and 11 C.F.R. § 110.20(g) by knowingly soliciting a contribution from a foreign national in connection with the Trump Tower meeting; and the Commission closed its file in MUR 7266; (2) on April 22, 2021, the Commission considered the allegations raised in your complaint but was equally divided on whether to find reason to believe that the Trump Committee violated 52 U.S.C. § 30121(a)(2) and 11 C.F.R. § 110.20(g) by knowingly soliciting, accepting or receiving an in-kind contribution from the Russian Federation in connection with Trump's press conference statement; Paul Manafort and the Trump Committee violated 52 U.S.C. § 30114(b) and 11 C.F.R. § 113.1(g)(3) by transferring a campaign committee asset without charge in connection with the alleged transmission of polling data; and that Manafort and the Trump Committee violated 52 U.S.C. § 30121(a)(2) and 11 C.F.R. § 110.20(g) by knowingly soliciting a prohibited in-kind foreign national contribution in connection with the alleged transmission of polling data; and (3) on August 10, 2021, the Commission closed the file in MUR 7623.

This letter is to inform you that, on September 28, 2021, the Commission voted to reopen MUR 7623 for further consideration. MUR 7266 remains closed.

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If you have any questions, please contact Nicholas Bamman, the attorney assigned to this matter, at (202) 694-1628 or nbamman@fec.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Claudio Pavia". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "C".

Claudio Pavia
Acting Assistant General Counsel