

May 11, 1973

The Hon. Neal Smith
Chairman, Special Committee to
Investigate Campaign Expenditures
Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

Dear Congressman Smith:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of May 7, 1973, addressed through me to Mr. A. S. Colorado, Treasurer of the Committee for Mr. A. Morales Carrión, requesting him to send a report on the organization of the Committee. Mr. Colorado has sent a new report as he had filed one last August. A copy of his letter to Mr. Jennings is attached.

In this connection, I should like to make the following statement. On July 28, 1972, I received a communication from Mr. W. P. Jennings, dated July 24, asking for a report of campaign expenditures. (Exhibit A). On July 31, I promptly replied, explaining to Mr. Jennings that my candidacy was short-lived; that collections only included the July 14-25 period; and that my candidacy was defeated at the party convention. I accompanied the necessary reports including the Treasurer's. (Exhibit B).

On August 7, I received a communication from Mr. Thomas O'Neil, Jr., Chairman, Special Committee to Investigate Campaign Expenditures, notifying me that I had failed to comply with the law for not filing pre-election reports. (Exhibit C). I called long distance from Puerto Rico to Mr. O'Neil's office on August 11, explained again the situation to Mr. Frank Butler and asked that if the papers did not reach the office, I was willing to file a new report. (Exhibit D). On August 25, Mr. Jennings, acknowledged this conversation, asked for a new report and instructed me to mark "the appropriate boxes for a 5-day/Termination Report". (Exhibit E). This was immediately done and on September 12, I received a notification of ~~commission~~, (Exhibit F), acknowledging receipt of the Termination Report, and asking me this time to file a 15-day report (April 7 through July 3), a period when there was no candidacy of mine at all and, naturally, when there was no committee, a fact which had been explained to both, Mr. Jennings and Mr. Butler. Now, the Committee wants again another report from Mr. Colorado.

I fully concur as a responsible citizen with the Committee's objectives, but surely there must be less cumbersome and more sensible ways to deal with short-lived, hardly financed, pre-convention state candidacies as was

my own. This whole situation has left me with the feeling that, in spite of my letters and calls and my compliance with Mr. Jennings' instructions, little attention had been paid to my statements. It is a most annoying experience to a law-abiding citizen, and one that surely was not contemplated by the Congress.

I trust this time that this matter is finally dealt with, and ask your understanding and support. For any further reference as to the respectability of my Campaign Committee, I suggest that you contact your colleague, Jaime Benítez, Resident Commissioner from Puerto Rico.

Sincerely,

Dr. Arturo Morales Carrión

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