

June 1, 1995

MEMORANDUM FOR JENNIFER O'CONNOR

FROM: Bobby Watson *BW*

SUBJECT: Michael Cino--"Democratic National Internet Committee"

In response to your memorandum of May 22, 1995, please be advised that technical and other staff from the DNC, DSCC and DCCC have already met with or spoken with Michael Cino about his "Democratic National Internet Committee," with a view to determining how he might be able to contribute his services to our technology upgrade program. As you know, the DNC is hard at work on our own World Wide Web "home page" as well as creating means for electronic communications among Democratic party entities and activists.

Unfortunately, Mr. Cino was unable to provide even the most basic information or materials to indicate exactly what he proposes to do and how he would go about it. He was unable to identify other members of his board or produce any kind of a specific plan, nor was he able to demonstrate the technical capability to provide the kinds of services he proposes to undertake.

Moreover, by using the name "Democratic National Internet Committee" and registering with the FEC, Mr. Cino has created a legal problem for us by implying affiliation with the DNC--which would make us liable for the committee's contributions and expenditures. In fact, he is not entitled to such affiliation without our permission and it makes no sense to form a separate FEC political committee for the DNC's Internet project. We have requested that he change the name of the committee (see attached letter) but, despite this letter and several e-mail and telephone conversations in which we have made clear that this is a precondition to further dealings with him, he has refused to do so.

Accordingly, at this point, we are unable to proceed further in dealing with Mr. Cino, and his lack of cooperation obviously does not bode well for any future relationship. If you have any questions concerning the above, please let me know.

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May 3, 1995

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Dear Mr. Frame:

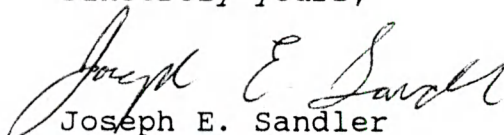
It has come to our attention that an entity calling itself "Democratic National Internet Committee" has filed a Statement of Organization, dated March 8, 1995, with the Commission, identifying itself as a national committee of the Democratic Party and indicating that it is "seeking affiliation" with the Democratic National Committee.

We are writing to inform the Commission that the "Democratic National Internet Committee" is not a national committee of the Democratic Party, is not and will not be affiliated with the Democratic National Committee and, indeed, has no relationship whatsoever to the Democratic National Committee.

By copy of this letter, we are requesting that the "Democratic National Internet Committee" immediately withdraw its Statement of Organization or amend it to (i) indicate that it is a committee other than a national party committee and (ii) change its name to a name that does not inaccurately imply affiliation with the Democratic National Committee.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter. If you have any questions concerning the above or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at (202) 863-7110.

Sincerely yours,


Joseph E. Sandler
General Counsel

cc: Michael Cino, Treasurer
"Democratic National Internet Committee"