



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

November 28, 2016

Elizabeth Annah Jensen, PhD, PE
Referee PAC, Treasurer
422 Wild Bird Drive
Spring, TX 77373

Dear Dr. Jensen:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter on November 3, 2016. You state that Wikileaks and its founder, Julian Assange, an Australian, "avoid[ed] FEC rules and regulations for preventing foreign interests from impacting our elections."

The Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended (the "Act") and Federal Election Commission ("Commission") regulations state that a complaint should meet certain requirements, including "a clear and concise recitation of the facts which describe a violation of a statute or regulation over which the Commission has jurisdiction," *see* 11 C.F.R. § 111.4(d)(3). Unfortunately, your letter did not meet this requirement. Consequently, the Commission can take no action at this time unless the allegations are refiled meeting the requirements for a properly filed complaint.

If you desire the Commission to look into the matters discussed in your letter to determine if the Act has been violated, a formal complaint as described in 52 U.S.C. § 30109(a)(1) must be filed. Requirements of this section of the law, and Commission regulations at 11 C.F.R. § 111.4, which are a prerequisite to Commission action, are detailed below:

- (1) As noted above, a formal complaint should contain a clear and concise recitation of the facts describing the violation of a statute or law over which the Commission has jurisdiction (11 C.F.R. § 111.4). In addition:
- (2) Its contents must be sworn to and signed in the presence of a notary public and shall be notarized. (52 U.S.C. § 30109(a)(1)). The notary must indicate as part of the jurat that such swearing occurred. The preferred form is "Subscribed and sworn to before me on this ___ day of ___, ____".
- (3) A formal complaint should be accompanied by supporting documentation if known and available to the person making the complaint. (11 C.F.R. § 111.4).
- (4) A complaint must be in writing. (52 U.S.C. § 30109(a)(1)).

- (5) A formal complaint must contain the full name and address of the person making the complaint. (11 C.F.R. § 111.4).
- (6) A formal complaint should clearly identify as a respondent each person or entity who is alleged to have committed a violation. (11 C.F.R. § 111.4).
- (7) A formal complaint should identify the source of information upon which the complaint is based. (11 C.F.R. § 111.4).

Finally, please include your telephone number, as well as the full names and addresses of all respondents.

If I can be of any additional assistance, please contact me at 202-694-1650.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jeff S. Jordan', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Jeff S. Jordan
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& Legal Administration