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RE: June & July Monthly Reports (5/1/04-5/31/04 & 6/1/04-6/30/04)

Response Due Date: January 27, 2005

Dear Ms. Hodgson:

This letter is in response to your request for additional information related to the filing of 24-hour and 48-hour reports on Schedule E of the above referenced reports filed by the International Association of Fire Fighters Interested in Registration and Education PAC (FIREPAC).

Please know that the Committee recently retained the services of a campaign finance compliance firm and outside legal counsel to assist in preparing reports and advising the FEC compliance function for the Committee. During the previous election cycle, the Committee's reporting was handled by an internal staffer who is currently on extended leave and is not available to consult with on the Committee's previously filed reports. Therefore, this response is based on our assessment of the Committee's activities during the 2004 election cycle.

Based upon this assessment, it appears the Committee had filed timely 24-hour reports of independent expenditures during the first few months of 2004 using the federal guidelines that required disclosure of independent expenditures of \$1,000 or more within 20 days of an election. It appears it did not become clear until later in the election cycle, approximately on September 1, 2004, that the new BCRA guidelines required 48-hour reports of incremental expenditures of \$10,000 if the expenditure was disseminated more than 20 days before an election. Beginning in September, and through the election, the Committee appears to have filed the necessary 48-hour reports required by these new campaign finance regulations.

The Committee responded to the above referenced RFAs by immediately filing the required 48-hour reports. It should also be noted that 24-hour reports were filed during the primary season. Furthermore, appropriate disclosures during the months of September and October demonstrate the Committee's desire to comply with the FEC regulations.

In addition, please note that none of the expenses reported on are public communications and were, in fact, grassroots campaign materials.

If you have any additional questions, please feel free to contact the Committee.

Sincerely,

Vincent J. Bollon