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Re: Letter dated July 8, 2005, regarding Amended July Monthly Report (6/1/04-6/30/04) filed on May 26, 2005

Dear Mr. Ryan:

On behalf my client, the Republican Party of Louisiana ("the Party"), I am writing in response to the Commission's letter dated July 8, 2005, regarding the Party's Amended July Monthly Report (7/1/04-7/31/04), which was filed on May 26, 2005. Please note that the Party filed its first amendment to the July Monthly Report on August 20, 2004, and a second amendment on May 26, 2005. In response to the Commission's letter, dated June 8, 2005, the Party filed its third amendment on July 8, 2005.

The Commission's July 8, 2005, letter asked for a clarification of the additional receipts listed on Schedule H3 supporting Line 18(a) of the Party's second amended July Monthly Report. From June 3, 2005, through June 25, 2004, the Party transferred a total of \$11,000 from its nonfederal account to its federal account. Due to a technical problem with the Party's campaign finance software, the transfer did not appear on the second amended July Monthly Report. The Party discovered the oversight, and submitted a correction to the Commission on May 26, 2005.

Please note that the high volume of amendments filed by the Party in recent days is due, in part, to the Party's effort to answer thirteen separate requests for information by the Commission, particularly regarding reports that had already been amended. For example, the Party filed an amendment to the July Monthly Report on August 20, 2004, and a second amendment on May 26, 2005. On June 8, 2005, nearly two weeks after the Party filed its second amendment, the Commission delivered a letter to the Party inquiring about the first amendment filed on August 20, 2004.

It is also noteworthy that the deadline for responding to the June 8, 2005, letter was the same as the delivery date of the Commission's second letter on July 8, 2005. The Commission's July 8, 2005, letter made further comments on the obsolete May 26, 2005, amendment on the same day a further amendment was being submitted. Finally, the Commission's June 8, 2005, letter also requested information about the May Monthly Report (4/1/04-4/30/04) and the June Monthly Report (5/1/04-5/31/04). Only one week later, the Commission delivered letters to the Party regarding the same disclosure reports. The successive correspondence required independent responses by the Party and, therefore, multiple submissions of report amendments. In the future, we urge the Commission to avoid overlapping requests for information.

If you have questions or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at (202) 756-8003.

Sincerely,

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