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Ohio Republican Party C00162339
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Please be advised that we have received and reviewed your letter dated 11-10-04 following are the responses to questions you raised in your letter.

1) Provide information on your "Best Efforts" methods.
All of our original solicitations expressly state a request for all the required FEC contributor information. If the information received with the contribution is not complete, within 30 days a written request is sent to the contributor in an attempt to obtain the required information. If this information is subsequently received it is filed with the FEC. In addition, if we are missing an address we attempt to locate the address through the use of the internet.

2) Schedule B Line 21 (b) printing expenditures
I have reviewed the report and have further explained the purpose of the printing. In all the cases the printing was done for the party to solicitate funds for hdqtrs operating fundraising. They do not fall under the federal election activity rules.

3) Further clarification of disbursements described as "victory collateral material-exempt"
I have further clarified these disbursements indicating what it was actually paying for. Please see amended report for correct descriptions. All disbursements listed as victory collateral material-exempt pertains to disbursements of only state raised federal funds for materials distributed by or involving volunteer activity.

4) Schedule B Line 30(b) regarding absentee ballot printing/postage, absentee ballot chase calls, absentee reactive postage, etc.
The disbursements supporting line 30(b) schedule B are exempt activities, as defined, or involve a party slate card (at least three candidates) mailings and other candidate slate distributions that do not utilize public advertising, as well as generic voter registration and GOTV programs. Funds for these expenditures were state raised federal dollars.

5) Schedule B Line 30(b) regarding printing, postage, target county phone bank, victory fundraising postage.
Disbursements disclosed as "postage", "printing & postage", "victory fundraising postage" supporting Line 30(b) relate to expenditures not falling under the rules for attribution ie: slate cards. Disbursements for target county phone banks were paid from RNC transferred funds and were for administrative expenses at the phone banks.

6) Schedule A Line 12 RNC transfers
The Republican National Committee funds transferred in, schedule A supporting line 12, were not used for any exempt activity, as defined. Only state raised federal funds were used for said purpose and invlolved distribution by volunteers in connection with activity on behalf of the party's nominees for the general election. The Republican National Committee's transferred funds were used to defray administration costs of the party. None of the expenditures were made on behalf of specifically identified candidates.

Should you have any further questions or concerns please contact us.

Sincerely,
Sarah Brown
Treasurer