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Dear Mr. Goodwin:

This letter is prompted by the Commission's preliminary review of the report(s) referenced above. The review raised questions concerning certain information contained in the report(s). An itemization follows:

Schedule A supporting Line 17 of your report discloses a payment from Omega List Company. It appears this receipt was for goods and/or services provided by your committee. 11 CFR §100.7(a)(1)(iii) states that "...the provision of any goods or services without charge or at a charge which is less than the usual and normal charge for such goods or services is a contribution." Examples of goods and services include equipment, supplies, personnel, advertising services, membership lists, and mailing lists. The term "usual and normal charge" for goods is defined as "...the price of those goods in the market from which they ordinarily would have been purchased at the time of the contribution".

Furthermore, Advisory Opinion 1986-14 states "...to avoid treatment as a contribution, the sale/purchase price paid to the political committee may not exceed the "usual and normal charge". Please clarify whether your committee assessed the usual and normal charge for the goods and/or services you provided and explain the steps your committee took in determining the amount charged. If your committee provided the goods and/or services at less then the usual and normal charge, the difference between the two is considered to be an in-kind contribution received by your committee from a corporation and is prohibited subject to the limits set forth at 2 U.S.C. §441b(a)

On Schedule A supporting Line 17 of the Detailed Summary Page, you have failed to include the aggregate year-to-date totals. Please amend your report to include the omitted information.

A written response or an amendment to your original report(s) correcting the above problem(s) should be filed with the Federal Election Commission within fifteen (15) days of the date of this letter. If you need assistance, please feel free to contact me on our toll-free number, (800) 424-9530 (at the prompt press 1, then press 2 to reach the Reports Analysis Division). My local number is (202) 694-1130.

Sincerely,

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