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Reference: 30 Day Post-General Election Report (10/15/98-11/23/98)

Dear Mr. Fowler:

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 12 discloses a transfer-in from the Republican National Committee. Schedule B supporting Line 21(b) reflects payments for "volunteer exempt mail". Payments for this type of activity are exempt from the definition of a contribution or expenditure if certain conditions are met. The conditions are that no public advertising may be used including distribution by direct mail; all funds used for the activity must be permitted under the Act; none of the funds used may have been designated for a particular candidate; and finally, payments for the activity may not be made from transfers-in from the national committee to specifically fund the activity. For further guidance, please refer to 11 CFR §100.7(b)(15) and (17) and to the Campaign Guide for Party Committees.

Please clarify the nature of the transfers-in and subsequent payments for "volunteer exempt mail". If the activity disclosed on your report does not meet the definition of "exempt" activity as described above and if any portion of the expenditures were made on behalf of specifically identified candidates, that amount must be disclosed on Schedule B or F supporting Line 23 or 25 of the Detailed Summary Page as appropriate.

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. My local number is (202) 694-1130.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Donald L. Averett", written in a cursive style.

Donald L. Averett
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