



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

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November 25, 2009

Andrew Tobias, Treasurer
Democratic National Committee –
Travel Offset Account
430 South Capitol Street SE
Washington, DC 20003

**Response Due Date:
December 30, 2009**

Identification Number: C00460147

Reference: September Monthly Report (8/01/09-8/31/09)

Dear Treasurer:

This letter is prompted by the Commission's preliminary review of the report(s) referenced above. This notice requests information essential to full public disclosure of your federal election campaign finances. **Failure to adequately respond by the response date noted above could result in an audit or enforcement action.** Additional information is needed for the following item:

- Schedule B of your report discloses a payment(s) for "per diem." Please be advised that a political committee may maintain a petty cash fund out of which it may make expenditures not in excess of \$100 to any person per purchase or transaction. 11 CFR §102.11 However, if this expenditure(s) represents an apparent reimbursement(s) to an individual(s) for apparent travel and subsistence advances in which the total amount reimbursed exceeds \$500, there are additional reporting requirements. Please provide clarifying information regarding this activity and amend your report to include any missing information as noted below.

When the reimbursement amount to staff for travel and subsistence advances exceeds \$500, the payments by committee staff that make up the reimbursement may have to be itemized as memo entries if the related payment(s) to any one vendor by the staff aggregates in excess of \$200 for the calendar year. Each memo entry must include the complete name and address of the original vendor, as well as the date, amount and an adequate purpose. Schedule B should clearly identify which reimbursement each memo entry relates to. If itemization is not necessary for a particular reimbursement to staff in excess of \$500, you must clarify this in an

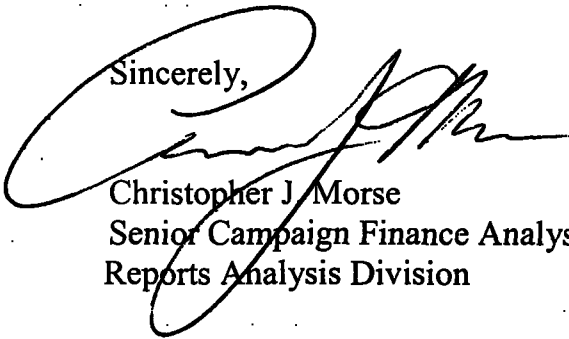
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amendment to this report. 11 CFR §104.9 and Advisory Opinion 1996-20,
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Please note, you will not receive an additional notice from the Commission on this matter. Adequate responses must be received by the Commission on or before the due date noted above to be taken into consideration in determining whether audit action will be initiated. Failure to comply with the provisions of the Act may also result in an enforcement action against the committee. Any response submitted by your committee will be placed on the public record and will be considered by the Commission prior to taking enforcement action. **Requests for extensions of time in which to respond will not be considered.**

Electronic filers must file amendments (to include statements, designations and reports) in an electronic format and must submit an amended report in its entirety, rather than just those portions of the report that are being amended. If you should have any questions regarding this matter or wish to verify the adequacy of your response, please contact me on our toll-free number (800) 424-9530 (at the prompt press 5 to reach the Reports Analysis Division) or my local number (202) 694-1133.

Sincerely,



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Reports Analysis Division

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