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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

January 5, 2005

Marcus Vaden, Treasurer
Democratic Party of Arkansas
1300 West Capitol Avenue
Little Rock, AR 72201

Response Due Date:
February 4, 2005

Identification Number: C00024372

Reference: Amended 12 Day Pre -General Report (10/1/04–10/13/04), received 12/20/04

Dear Mr. Vaden:

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. **An adequate response must be received at the Commission by the response date noted above.** An itemization of the information needed follows:

-Schedule B supporting Line 22 discloses $5,300 in disbursements to "Democratic Party-Non Federal Account" for "Return convention registration fees." You are advised that 11 CFR §102.5 prohibits a non-federal account from financing activity in connection with federal elections. Please provide clarifying information regarding these transactions including the date(s) when the original activity was conducted by the non-federal account. In addition, if any of the disbursements disclosed were made to influence the election or defeat of specific federal candidates, the disbursements should be allocated accordingly and disclosed as either in-kind contributions on Schedule B supporting Line 23, independent expenditures on Schedule E supporting Line 24, or as coordinated expenditures on Schedule F supporting Line 25. 11 CFR §§104.3(b)(3) and 106.1

Although the Commission may initiate legal action regarding the activities conducted by your non-federal account, any clarifying information that you can provide will be taken into consideration.

-The independent expenditure schedule (Schedule E) should disclose the following information: the name and mailing address of the payee, the purpose of the expenditure, the date of payment, the amount of payment, the name and office sought, state and district (if applicable) of the federal candidate, the calendar year-to-date, per election, for office sought total, the election designation, an indication of whether the candidate was supported or opposed and the signature of the treasurer. Please amend Schedule E by providing the mailing address of the payee and the election designation. 11 CFR §104.3(b)(3)(vii)

-Schedule E of your report indicates that your committee may have failed to file one or more of the required 48 hour notices for independent expenditures (see attached). A political committee must file a 48 hour report with the Federal Election Commission as specified in 11 CFR §104.4(b), within 48 hours of any independent expenditures aggregating $10,000 or more with respect to a given election, made any time during the calendar year up to and including the 20th day before an election. The notice must be received by the Commission by 11:59 p.m. on the second day following the date on which independent expenditures that aggregate $10,000 or more are publicly distributed or disseminated. These expenditures must then be fully itemized on Schedule E, or as memo entries on Schedule E and reflected on Schedule D if distributed or disseminated prior to payment, of the next report required to be filed by the committee. Although the Commission may take further action concerning this matter, your prompt response will be taken into consideration. 11 CFR §104.3(b)

Unlike previous election cycles, you will not receive an additional notice from the Commission on this matter. Adequate responses received on or before this date will be taken into consideration in determining whether audit action will be initiated. **Requests for extensions of time in which to respond will not be considered.** Failure to provide an adequate response by this date may result in an audit of the committee. 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.

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 out toll-free number (800) 424-9530 (at the prompt press 5 to reach the Reports Analysis Division) or my local number (202) 694-1140.

Sincerely,

A. Hodgson

Abbie Hodgson
Campaign Finance Analyst
Reports Analysis Division

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Name of Payee	Date	Amount	Purpose	Candidate
E & T Group, LLC	10/4/04	$20,700.00	Walking pieces	John Kerry
Financial Innovation	10/7/04	$8,434.16	bumper stickers buttons yard signs	John Kerry
Winning Connection	10/8/04	$39,284.00	Phone ID Calls	John Kerry
E & T Group, LLC	10/13/04	$10,480.00	Campaign literature	John Kerry