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Dear Mr. Sprague:

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 B discloses a contribution(s) towards the general election campaign of a Presidential candidate(s). Please note that contributions to Presidential candidates are governed by specific regulations. Please refer to the following explanation of Presidential election financing, and then amend your report to clarify this contribution(s).

All Presidential primary elections held during an election year are considered one election for the purpose of the contribution limits. A multi-candidate committee, therefore may give only \$5,000 to a Presidential candidate's primary campaign, regardless of how many separate state Presidential primaries the candidate participates in. 11 CFR §§110.1(j)(1) and 110.2(i)(1)

In the general election, contributions to major party (Republican and Democratic) Presidential campaigns are not permitted if the candidate receives public funds. (An exception: Political committees may contribute

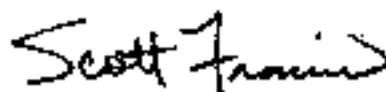
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to a publicly funded Presidential nominee's "compliance fund." A compliance fund is used solely for legal and accounting expenses incurred in complying with the election law. Gifts to compliance funds are considered contributions and are subject to usual per-candidate, per-election limits.) 11 CFR §9003.3(a)

Any amendment or clarification should be filed with the Federal Election Commission. If you need assistance, please feel free to contact me on our toll-free number, (800) 424-9530. My local number is (202) 219-3580.

Sincerely,



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