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Joan B. Quick, Chairman

January 7, 1998

Federal Election Commission  
Reports Analysis Division  
Attn: Andrea Wilkens  
999 E Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20463

Dear Andrea,

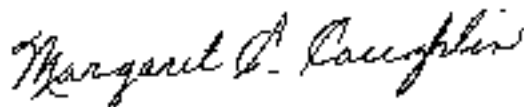
Please accept this letter as a response to a letter to the Rhode Island Republican State Central Committee (copy attached) by Mr. John D. Gibson, signed by Debbie Mangano and stating yourself as the contact person.

Specifically inquired about are staff salaries for the Rhode Island Republican Party. Please note that the Party itself has one employee, our Chairwoman Joan Quick, who was elected in April of 1997. Subsequently a budget for the Party was passed by the State Central Committee authorizing her to be paid beginning in July of 1997. Her payroll will be reflected in our 1997 year end report. Other than Mrs. Quick the Party itself has no other paid or unpaid employees, except for volunteers such as myself.

If we can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us at 401-453-4100.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,



Margaret C. Coughlin  
Treasurer



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December 31, 1997

Margaret C. Coughlin, Treasurer  
Rhode Island Republican State  
Central Committee  
18 Bridge Street  
Providence, RI 02903

Identification Number: C00078196

Reference: Mid-Year Report (1/1/97-6/30/97)

Dear Ms. Coughlin:

On December 3, 1997, you were notified that a review of the above-referenced report(s) raised questions as to specific contributions and/or expenditures, and the reporting of certain information required by the Federal Election Campaign Act.

Your December 11, 1997 response is incomplete because you have not provided all the requested information. For this response to be considered adequate, the following information is still required.

-Your amended Schedules H4 and D do not disclose any expenses for salaries. Please clarify if such expenses were incurred or paid during this period. Please note that any goods or services provided by a person, except volunteer activity, is considered an in-kind contribution from that person and would be subject to disclosure, limitation and prohibition requirements of the Act and regulations.

If this information is not received by the Commission within fifteen (15) days from the date of this notice, the Commission may choose to initiate audit or legal enforcement action.

If you should have any questions related to this matter, please contact Andrea Wilkens on our toll-free number (800) 424-9530 or our local number (202) 219-3580.

Sincerely,

for *Debbie Mangano*  
John D. Gibson  
Assistant Staff Director  
Reports Analysis Division