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RE: 12 Day Pre-General Report 2002 (10/01/02-10/16/02)

Dear Mr. Walker;

This correspondence is in response to your "Request For Additional Information" ("RFAI"), resulting from the Republican National Committee's ("RNC") "12 Day Pre-General Report 2002 (10/01/02-10/16/02)".

With regard to the "usual and normal charge" for fees received from a federal candidate on Schedule A supporting Line 15, the RNC charges fair market value for services it provides. Prices are intended to recover the cost for providing the service. The services reported on this schedule for which the RNC received payment were not services of a nature which is unique to the RNC. Services of this type are common in the business community and as such, the RNC compares and sets the price charged to prices available from other commercial sources.

Schedule B supporting Line 21(b) of this report includes payments to another political committee. This activity is not considered a contribution, it was payment for services provided at an appropriate commercial rate. With regard to the "usual and normal charge", we are assured the fee is a commercially reasonable rate because we regularly obtain similar services from a variety of sources both political and commercial.

Regarding contributions on Schedule B for which you questioned the aggregate contributions possibly exceeding the allowable limit, these contributions do not exceed the limit. The contributions apply to different races, therefore they are aggregated separately. Please note that in some cases the date of the contribution was after the election date because the purpose was to repay outstanding debts. We have struggled with the electronic reporting systems ability to indicate the race and purpose of many types of activity that were formerly annotated on the paper type of report. We have amended the report with more description included in these particular items to clarify their purpose and race.

To clarify expenditures listed for Production Cost, Video Services, Broadcast Services and Media Services are RNC operating costs. None of these expenditures are Candidate specific. No media related expenditures listed on line 21 are intended for or directed by a specific candidate. They are either generic overhead costs or RNC fundraising costs. We have edited the descriptions in this type of activity to include the term "generic" and amended the report. A version of this note is attached to all filings that include these costs.

With regard to the difference between the itemized receipts and the amounts reported on Schedule I for the Republican National State Election Committee, the respective amounts represent transactions which do not meet the requirements to be itemized.

Regarding the aggregate expenditure for Lamar Alexander reported on Schedule F, we have corrected the amount reported and amended the report.

I trust this response answers your inquiry. However, if you need further clarification please do not hesitate to contact me.

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Sincerely,

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Director of Accounting