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The Republican Party of Fort Bend County Federal Committee offers the following response to the Request for Additional Information dated April 25, 2013, concerning the 2012 post-general report (filed December 6, 2012).

Item 1. The 'color mailer favoring federal candidates' concerned, on separate pages, an advertisement supporting Congressman Pete Olson, an advertisement favoring Senate candidate Ted Cruz, and a slate card featuring dozens of races on the ballot in Fort Bend County. The pages for Olson and Cruz each constitute express advocacy and were coordinated with the respective campaigns. The post-general report will be amended to show \$956.08 (one-third of the entire federal expenditure at issue, representing the cost of the Olson page), as an in-kind contribution to Olson for Congress. Likewise, the post general report will be amended to show a \$956.08 in-kind contribution to Ted Cruz for Senate. The final third will remain as a line 30(b) operating expenditure, representing the page constituting the slate card, which qualifies as exempt party (and unallocated FEA) activity.

Item 2. All of the H3 transactions correctly show transfers-in from the party's 'State Non-administrative (operating) account.' There are two such transfers related to the 'Lincoln-Reagan Dinner,' which is correctly reflected in the space for the event identifier. Party confirmed by phone with Analyst Kevin Fortkiewicz.

Item 3. The only disbursement lacking a 'purpose' description is that from 11/20/2012 to Sugar Land Marriott Town Square. This disbursement was for a venue and catering expense for the Lincoln-Reagan fundraising dinner. The post-general report will be amended to reflect same.

Item 4. The 'State Non-administrative (operating) account' functions as both a non-federal and a Levin account. A memo text entry will be added to the post-general report to indicate same.

Item 5. The referenced 'voter alert postcard mailing' is properly reported as federal election activity (get-out-the-vote), as it did not refer to any clearly identified federal candidate. A memo text entry will be added to the post-general report to so indicate.

Item 6. The referenced 'Facebook ads-generic' are properly reported as federal election activity (generic campaign), as the advertisement did not refer to a clearly identified federal candidate or promote, attack, support or oppose any such candidate. A memo text entry will be added to the post-general report indicating same.

Item 7. The Party believes that the referenced transfers were appropriate, as they do not come under the prohibition contained in 11 CFR 300.33(e). Nevertheless, in an abundance of caution, the Party refunded \$1,685 (the amount of the three contributions at issue) back to the State Non-administrative (operating) account on May 30, 2013, as recommended by Mr. Fortkiewicz. A copy of the refund confirmation will follow under separate cover by certified mail, and the June monthly report will reflect the transfer-out on Schedule L-B. The Party may seek an advisory opinion to clarify the regulation.