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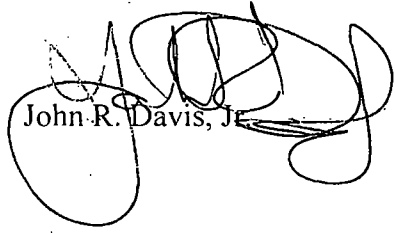
Dear Ms. Sugarman:

This statement is in response to your letter dated August 24, 2016 regarding three items. All three items arise from a single transaction reported on FEC Form 5 filed by John R. Davis, Jr. on July 15, 2016. In short, the July 15, 2016 report was unnecessary and filed in error. The activity disclosed—the writing of a speech—does not come within the regulatory definition of an independent expenditure and thus should not have been reported as such.

Since this item should not have been reported, the items in the letter are all extraneous. First, there were no contributions made to further any independent expenditure -- for an independent expenditure reported by an individual, such disclosure would be inapplicable since it follows from the individual report that there would be no contributions to further the independent expenditure. Second, since there was no independent expenditure, no additional information regarding the vendor or transaction need be added. Third, since there was no independent expenditure made, there is no 48-hour report required.

Please feel free to contact us if you have any further questions.

Sincerely,


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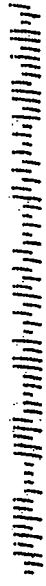
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