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Ohio Republican State Central & Executive Committee C00162339
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This letter is in response to your letter dated 9-23-05. I will address each issue you brought up within your letter and will amend the report listed above as needed.

1) Schedule A Line 17 State of Ohio
This entry is for funds that we receive from the State of Ohio for public tax check off funds. These funds were deemed to be federal funds by the Federal Election Commission many years ago and have been reported on our reports for at least 10 years. We receive money from the State of Ohio and local counties which do not have federal accounts.
2) $1900 in disbursement to Citizens for Jim Trakas
Upon further investigation the payment was a contribution to a non-federal candidates campaign. An amended report will be filed.
3) Clarify expenditures for fundraising consultant and music for Super Saturday
None of these expenditures were made on behalf of a specifically identifed federal candidate. The fundraising consultant disbursement is for our in house operating fundraising. Music provided for our Super Saturday was for volunteers passing out get out the vote material.
4) Schedule B line 21(b)
Expenditures for prospecting mailing to raise general funds for the party. The piece did not meet the definition of Federal Election Activity.
5) Further clarifiy itemized disbursements for Schedule B.
We have made note of your remark. Generic office supplies indicates that the supplies were purchased for the whole of the buildings' use they included folders, pens, pencils, note pads, etc., individuals were paid flat fees to register voters, get voters out to vote for the general election, and for going door to door to either register voters or get them out to the polls for the general election as part of our 72 hour program. That is the best description for the disbursements you are questioning. The 72 hour get out the vote activity had no specific candidate referred to.
6) Schedule B referring to reimbursements to individuals
We have made memo entries where needed for itemization of vendor payments $200.00 or more as requested.
7) Schedule B referring to reimbursement for travel.
We have made memo entries where needed for itemization of vendor payments $200.00 or more as requested.
8) Schedule B Line 30(b) Is this Federal Election Activity
These payments were for 72 hour get out the vote activity and did not refer to a specific candidate.
9) Clarify all expenditures for GOTV
72 hour activity for get out the vote no specific candidate was referenced.
10) Schedule B Line 21(b) $150,000
Funds were needed to be transferred to a non-federal account for staff payroll for those not involved at least 25% in Federal Election Activity. No disbursement was made from a non-federal account to finance federal election activity.
11) Schedule H4 Line 21(a)
Noted, all employees spending more than 25% of their time on Federal Election Activity have all related costs paid with only federal funds. The Chairman works for and with 88 local county parties and all statewide candidates and does not spend 25% of his time on federal election activity. The payment to New York Life was made from deductions from the related employee payroll.
12) The official name of our political committee is the Ohio Republican Party State Central & Executive Committee. We have filed an amended M1 to reflect the correct name.

Sincerely,
Terri Matthews-Controller