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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

December 8, 2004

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Maine Democratic State Committee
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Response Due Date:
January 7, 2005

Identification Number: C00179408

Reference: March Monthly Report (2/1/04 - 2/29/04)

Dear Ms. DeChant:

This letter is prompted by the Commission's preliminary review of the report(s) referenced above. This notice requests information essential to full public disclosure of your federal election campaign finances. **An adequate response must be received at the Commission by the response date noted above.** An itemization of the information needed follows:

-The totals listed on Lines 1(a), 1(b), 1(c), 2, 3, 5, 6, 8, and 10, Column B of the Schedule L Aggregation Page for the Levin account appear to be incorrect. Please be advised that you should add the "Column B Year-to-Date" total from your previous report to the current "Column A Total This Period" figure to derive the correct Column B totals. Please amend your report and any subsequent reports that may be affected by this correction.

-Line 7, Column B of the Schedule L Aggregation Page for the Levin account represents the total cash-on-hand as of January 1, 2004. This figure should be the same on all the reports covering the calendar year. Please amend your report to clarify the change made in Line 7, Column B.

-Schedule B supporting Line 29 discloses \$10,000 in transfers to what appears to be a non-federal account of your committee. Please provide further clarification regarding this transfer to your non-federal account.

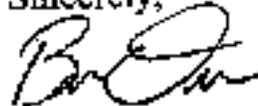
You are advised that 11 CFR §102.5 prohibits a non-federal account from financing activity in connection with federal elections. If any of the

disbursements disclosed on Schedule B supporting Line 29 were made to influence the election or defeat of specific federal candidates, the disbursements should be allocated accordingly and disclosed as either in-kind contributions on Schedule B supporting Line 23, independent expenditures on Schedule E supporting Line 24, or as coordinated expenditures on Schedule F supporting Line 25. 11 CFR §§104.3(b)(3) and 106.1 In addition, if your non-federal account has paid any expenditures which should have been allocated, you are advised to correct any non-compliance with 11 CFR §§106.6 and 106.7 and establish procedures to insure future compliance with allocation regulations.

Unlike previous election cycles, you will not receive an additional notice from the Commission on this matter. Adequate responses received on or before this date will be taken into consideration in determining whether audit action will be initiated. **Requests for extensions of time in which to respond will not be considered.** Failure to provide an adequate response by this date may result in an audit of the committee. Failure to comply with the provisions of the Act may also result in an enforcement action against the committee. Any response submitted by your committee will be placed on the public record and will be considered by the Commission prior to taking enforcement action.

Electronic filers must file amendments (to include statements, designations and reports) in an electronic format and must submit an amended report in its entirety, rather than just those portions of the report that are being amended. If you should have any questions regarding this matter or wish to verify the adequacy of your response, please contact me on our toll-free number (800) 424-9530 (at the prompt press 5 to reach the Reports Analysis Division) or my local number (202) 694-1301.

Sincerely,



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