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This responds to your letter dated June 23, 2004, regarding certain expenditures made by the National Republican Congressional Committee. In your letter, you request "additional clarifying information" regarding independent expenditures reported on the amended April Monthly Report (3/1/04-3/31/04).

The expenditures disclosed on Schedule E were properly disclosed as independent expenditures. The entries include the requisite information as required by Commission regulations. The same is true of the coordinated expenditures. Our reports contained all the information required by Commission regulations; thus, no amendments are required at this time.

Ultimately, our independent expenditures were made in compliance with Commission regulations governing such expenditures. Moreover, the U.S. Supreme Court has repeatedly made clear that political party committees, such as the NRCC, have a constitutional right to make both independent and coordinated expenditures concerning the same candidate during the same election. McConnell v. FEC, 124 S. Ct. 619 (2003); Colorado Republican Federal Campaign Committee v. FEC, 518 U.S. 604 (1996).

Additionally, please note that expenditures made for the purpose "Production" are not made on behalf of any specific candidate and therefore have been disclosed properly on Schedule B supporting Line 21(b).

In the event you have additional questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.