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Mr. Christopher J. Morse
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Reports Analysis Division
Federal Election Commission
999 E Street NW
Washington, DC 20463

Dear Mr. Morse:

The Illinois Republican Party (FEC ID# C00005926) is filing an amended 2004 year-end FEC report in response to your Request for Additional Information dated April 1, 2005. Thank you for your telephone assistance on April 28, 2005 regarding this response.

The Party disclosed three disbursements on Line 30b that were described as "FEA Printing," "FEA Direct Mail Services," or "FEA Fundraising Direct Mail." The payments to Southwest Publishing on 12/20/04 for \$7,672.99 and to Pinnacle Direct, Inc. on 11/29/04 for \$1,903.20 were for fundraising solicitations for the Party. These mailings did not meet the definition of Federal Election Activity, and thus do not require the identification of any federal candidate.

The payment on 11/23/04 in the amount of \$1,500.00 to Rockford Litho Center was for printed materials, hand-distributed by volunteers, which referenced Representative Phil Crane. We have amended the disclosure of this expenditure to reflect that information. As a disbursement for an activity that qualifies as volunteer exempt, there is no in-kind contribution, independent expenditure, or coordinated party expenditure.

It is our understanding that there is no action required by the Party with regard to the Schedule L.

With respect to payroll, the Party had 14 staff members on payroll in this reporting period. Two of the individuals met the threshold of spending 25% or more of their time in connection with FEA activity. Therefore, the payroll and related expenditures for these individuals were paid for fully with federal funds, and are disclosed on Line 30b.

However, in this timeframe occurring several weeks after the election, there were twelve individuals on payroll who did not meet the threshold of spending 25% or more of their time in connection with FEA activity. Accordingly, there was no requirement that the Party use any federal funds to pay payroll and related costs for these persons. No amendments and no transfers of funds are required with respect to the payments to these staff members.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely:

Dave Syverson, Treasurer
Illinois Republican Party