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Dear Mr. Gibson:

This is in response to your letter of June 19, 1997, and J.P. Andre's letter of May 28, 1997.

We are not aware of any contributions received by the Travis County Democratic Party in excess of the limits set forth in 2 U.S.C. 441a(f) and 11 CFR 110.1(d).

The excerpts attached to J.P. Andre's letter of May 28 did not reflect any such excesses. The attachments only included one page from the report of our committee, the Travis County Democratic Party, and several pages from the reports of other committees from which we are separate and independent. We are a separate committee from the Texas Democratic Party and the other county parties in Texas.

The Travis County Democratic Party is not affiliated, as that term is defined under FEC regulations, with the state party committee, nor with the committee of any other county in the state. The county and state parties have been operating under the same structure for many years and there has never been any question of affiliation.

Under Texas law and the state party rules, the state party has no authority or control over, and no responsibility for the finances or actions of, the county party organizations. Therefore, any presumption of affiliation under the regulation would be overcome by a demonstration of the actual relationship of the state and county parties.

Please direct your attention to the letter dated June 4, 1997, to Reports Analyst Amy Suzanne Reynolds from the Texas Democratic Party, reference Identification Number C00099267, more fully describing the status and relationships of the state and county parties under Texas law and actual practice.

Please advise us if any further information is needed.

Sincerely,

David Van Os

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Travis County Democratic Party Chair

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