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Scott Walker
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RE: September Monthly Report (8/1/03-8/31/03)

Dear Mr. Walker;

This correspondence is in response to your "Request For Additional Information" ("RFAI"), resulting from the Republican National Committee's ("RNC") "September Monthly Report (8/1/03-8/31/03)".

With regard to the "usual and normal charge" for fees received from a federal candidate on Schedule A supporting Line 15, the RNC charges fair market value for services it provides. Prices are intended to recover the cost for providing the service. The services reported on this schedule for which the RNC received payment were not services of a nature which is unique to the RNC. Services of this type are common in the business community and as such, the RNC compares and sets the price charged to prices available from other commercial sources.

To clarify expenditures listed for "Media Research", "Advertisement Cost", "Media Services", "Broadcast Services", "Production" and "Production Cost" these are RNC operating costs. None of these expenditures are Candidate specific. No media related expenditures listed on line 21 are intended for or directed by a specific candidate. They are either generic overhead costs or RNC fundraising costs.

Schedule B supporting Line 21(b) of this report includes payments to another political committee. These payments disclosed on Line 21(b) are not contributions. They are payments for goods and services received at usual and normal rates. With regard to the "usual and normal rates", we are assured the fee is a commercially reasonable rate because we regularly obtain similar products from a variety of sources both political and commercial.

A version of this note will be attached to future filings that include these activities. This explanation does not include a need for any corrections to the activity filed with this report and therefore, the report is not being amended in conjunction with this response.

I trust this response answers your inquiry. However, if you need further clarification please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,
Pat Huyck
Director of Accounting