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Reference: Your Letter to Mr. Gary Figgins of May 3, 1995

Dear Mr. Ryan:

As Chairman of the Santa Barbara County Republican Central Committee, I am writing in response to the letter you sent our former Treasurer, Gary Figgins, on May 3, 1995. Earlier today, I discussed the issues raised in your letter with Lisa Stolarik and reviewed with her the status of our Committee's efforts to prepare a definitive response to those issues. My discussion with her follows a number of phone conversations, which have taken place since your letter was received, between you or Ms. Stolarik, on the one hand, and officers of our Committee (former Chairman Boyd Larson, current Treasurer Rick Heise, and current General Counsel Carol Anderson), on the other hand. In addition, there have been one or more phone conversations between Ms. Stolarik and legal counsel for the California Republican Party, Jim Sutton, about these issues. I make note of these communications because they are indicative of the substantial effort our Committee has made to better understand the nature of the concerns reflected in your letter and to determine what course of action should be taken in light of them.

Notwithstanding those efforts, which have included consultations with both our certified public accountant and outside legal counsel, we have not completed our investigation and analysis of our records and documentation so as to enable us to provide a definitive response at this time. We are proceeding diligently in that regard and will supplement this response in the near future. It is our intention to work cooperatively and in good faith to resolve this matter. Your cooperation and patience are much appreciated.

Sincerely,


James P. Gazdecki

cc: Ms. Lisa Stolarik

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