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Re: R. I. Republican State Central Committee - Identification # C00078196
Mid Year Report (1/01/03 -- 6/30/03)

Mr. Christopher J. Morse
Campaign Finance Analyst
Reports Analysis Division
Federal Election Commission
Washington, DC 20463

Dear Mr. Morse,

In response to your letter dated October 22, 2003:

- 1.) Schedule C of the RI Republican State Central Committee's finance report discloses that the Carriers for Governor Campaign has given the party two loans for the purpose of reducing the party's penalties and fines. The copy of the finance reports includes the print out of the Schedule C where it was reported as loans. These checks were direct payments to the F.E.C. Copies and letters were sent with the payments.
- 2.) I will amend and file a Schedule H1. In filing this report as you will remember, there was great difficulty and very little assistance, along with numerous calls to you. And, the technical support staff was not available, the office was closed. I apologize for the oversight of filing the Schedule H1.
- 3.) In reference to your letter requesting a new Organization Filing: the fax number and email address used to file the mid year report are my personal numbers and do not belong to the party. The software would not allow the report to be filed without these numbers. To be able to file on time, I used my numbers, again, they are not the party's numbers and should not be reported as such.
- 4.) We have not engaged in any federal election activity, and have not met the 26% time requirement. In addition, at the present time we are all on a volunteer basis. Therefore we do not have salary costs. We have not received billing on our rent (which includes utilities) yet. However, we will be paying the rent out of non-federal accounts. It is not clear to me where you think I

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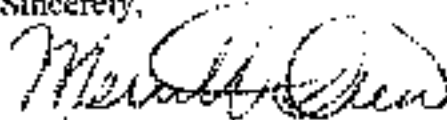
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should put this in text form on the report seeing as you need to enter a name of the institution before you get to a memo text box.

I would appreciate any advice on how to report all this information on the report. The software is not exactly user friendly. If you have any further questions or advice, please contact me at 401-823-5667.

Thank you for your assistance and advice.

Sincerely,



Merrill Drew, Treasurer
R. I. Republican State Central Committee

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