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Erik Koeppen, Reports Analyst
Federal Election Commission
999 E Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20463

RE: Defend America PAC (a multi candidate committee)
Identification Number: C00325993
Reference: Year 2001 Monthly Reports

Dear Mr. Ciaraldi:

I am in receipt of and thank you for your letter of December 19, 2001 and December 21, 2001 concerning the Commission's preliminary review of the report(s) referenced above.

Your letter raised questions regarding administrative expenses. The administrative expenses reflected in the reports filed by our committee for 2000 and 2001, to the present correctly reflect payments made for the purpose of operating Defend America PAC, which included expenses for a post office box, postage, stationary, envelops, catering and meeting (also referred to as reception expenses), consulting and fundraiser fees, accounting and preparation of FEC report fees, tax return preparation, supplies, software for FEC reporting, and other expenses. Defend America PAC has paid independent consultants for accounting, bookkeeping, tax report preparation, FEC compliance and fundraising activities which has eliminated the need for office expenses such as rent, utilities, salaries, and telephone services. Administrative expenses recently received and paid in 2000 and 2001 have been correctly reported in the monthly reports. There were no goods or services provided to the committee by any other person, committee, entity, except as reflected in the above referenced reports.