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Re: Tennessee Democratic Victory 2000 - Federal Account
Identification No. C00359117
Amended Year End Report (11/28/00-12/31/00), dated 4/25/2001

Dear Mr. Averett:

I am writing in response to your letter of June 20, 2001 to J. Clark Jones, Treasurer of Tennessee Democratic Victory 2000 - Federal Account ("TDV 2000"). Your letter raises several questions regarding TDV 2000's amended Year End Report. You have asked for a written response to these questions or that an amendment to our original report be filed with the Federal Election Commission. An itemization addressing your questions follows:

- The transfer of \$61,833.06 disclosed on Line 18 Column A of the Detailed Summary Page is a transfer of funds from the non-federal account to the federal account for joint activity. This transfer was composed of the non-federal portion of joint expenditures made between 10/20/00 and 11/18/00. These expenditures were reported on Schedule H4 of TDV 2000's 30 Day Post General Report. The non-federal portion of these expenditures had not been included in previous joint activity transfers.
- The expenditures for "GOTV Consulting Fee" disclosed on Schedule H4 were fees paid by TDV 2000 to individuals hired to assist TDV 2000 in the design and implementation of its "Get Out The Vote" ("GOTV") effort for the November 2000 general elections. These individuals provided services related to field organizing and voter turnout activities. This effort was structured as a generic GOTV operation, designed to identify and mobilize core Democratic voters in heavily Democratic geographical areas. Individuals hired as GOTV consultants were all Democratic activists with a thorough understanding of Democratic voters in their particular regions. They provided their time and expertise in identifying core Democratic voters and getting these voters to the polls. These individuals were hired to work on behalf of the entire Democratic ticket and not on behalf of any individual candidate.

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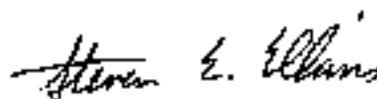
Therefore, these expenses were paid on the Administrative/Generic Voter Drive allocation ratio.

- The expenditures for "GOTV Contract Labor" disclosed on Schedule H4 were fees paid to individuals hired to assist TDV 2000 in its GOTV effort for the November 2000 general elections. These individuals provided services related to field organizing and voter turnout. This effort was structured as a generic GOTV operation, designed to identify and mobilize core Democratic voters in heavily Democratic geographical regions. Individuals hired as GOTV contract labor provided services such as coordinating voter transportation; driving voters to the polls (both during Tennessee's early voting period and on election day); staffing telephones at TDV 2000's voter transportation center; and distributing generic GOTV leaflets in heavily Democratic neighborhoods. These individuals were hired to work on behalf of the entire Democratic ticket and not on behalf of any individual candidate. Therefore, these expenses were paid on the Administrative/Generic Voter Drive allocation ratio.

- The transfer of the non-federal portions of refunds received by TDV 2000 was reported on Schedule H4 based upon the method of reporting refunds detailed on page sixty-one of the Federal Election Commission's August 1996 *Campaign Guide for Political Party Committees*. Please advise if I have misinterpreted or misapplied this method.

I hope this letter answers your questions. Please feel free to contact me if I can provide further assistance.

Sincerely,



Steven E. Elkins
Assistant Treasurer

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