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February 20, 1996

Federal Election Commission
999 E. Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20463

RE: Termination of Republican Central Committee of Cook County
#C00175422 (hereafter referred to as Committee in question or
#C00175422)

The above committee's mailings/notices, for all intents and purposes were inherited by the Cook County Republican Central Committee. It, the Committee in question, had been created by an individual, (Mr. James Dvorak) who happened to be a previous County Chairman, that decided to use the address of the Cook County Republican Central Committee as the mailing address for the above Committee.

Mr. Dvorak was replaced as County Chairman by the election of Richard Seibel, who with his Treasurer, a William Dammeier, submitted a Termination Report for the above Committee to bring about it's closure, rather than forward the notices to Mr. Dvorak and/ or the Committee's Officers. The Committee in question, according to their statements (Seibel and Dammeier), had never been active under their watch, with no funds available for disbursement.

In March of 1992 an election for County Chairman was held and the current Chairman, Manny Hoffman, was elected who appointed Thomas E. Corcoran as Treasurer. As officers they/we quickly discovered that several other separate and distinct committee's obligations/notices were being attached/associated to the Cook County Republican Central Committee's responsibilities. Those issues, we soon discovered, had not been properly disposed of by the previous Chairman and Treasurer, who, in addition to us, had changed the mailing address of the local/state committee. These two back-to-back mailing address changes further complicated the conditions for our Administration, whereby many deliveries and subsequent responses were delayed. We eventually responded to all inquiries and correspondence upon receipt, by informing the appropriate

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entities of the new officers (the FEC in February of 1993), in order to determine what obligations/responsibilities belonged to the Cook County Republican Central Committee and those that did not. Some entities used these responses as amendments to the statement of organization (not necessarily our intent) and some that did not. Our intent, for your information, was primarily to inform the entities involved of contact people at the Cook County Republican Central Committee who could answer the questions required to clear up any/all discrepancies and not necessarily to be used as amendments to Statements of Organization.

As a result of our investigations, audits of records available, and communications between regulatory agencies we were able to determine that many of the obligations and reporting provisions of the various committees in question did not belong to us. In fact, according to statements, (written and oral), by the previous Administration, Seibel and Danneier, they did not have any funds available under their watch and the Committee had been inactive, prior to their election (no receipts or disbursements), wherein they elected to submit a Termination Report, which subsequently was summarily rejected because your records had indicated that a balance of funds were available for disbursement. However, we have not been able to bring closure to our relationship with the above Committee.

Thus we are asking you to terminate Committee #C00175422 for the following reasons:

1. Committee has not been active since (at least) the 1991 reporting period,
2. All residual funds have been disbursed prior to the current Chairman's, Manny Hoffman, election as County Chairman and Thomas Corcoran's appointment as Treasurer in March of 1992,
3. We are a local/state committee that primarily supports candidates and activities regarding local issues and have no need of a Federal Committee, and,
4. We have no intention of creating or maintaining a Federal Committee.


In closing, there has been several communications between this administration and FEC staff over the last two plus years in order to try and reconstruct activities that occurred relative to the formation of the Committee in question #C00175422. We have attempted to put together the events surrounding its creation and can only surmise it was the desire of the then current County Chairman to have his own FEC Authorized Committee, independent of the regular Cook County Republican Organization and under his control. Upon

the election of a new Chairman, the Committee became dormant with the officers failing to execute the proper reports, which set in motion a chain of events that has the FEC Information Division contacting us, initially because of the similarity between names and mailing addresses and now because of the improper handling by the administration that bridged the Dvorak and Hoffman Administrations.

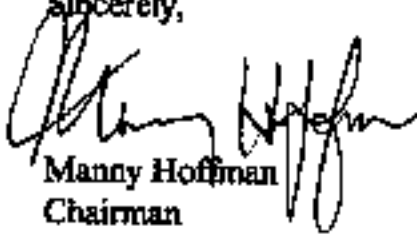
I hope the above information is sufficient for you to effectuate the Termination of the above Committee #C00175422.

Thanking you in advance.

Prepared by:


Thomas E. Corcoran
Treasurer

Sincerely,


Manny Hoffman
Chairman

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