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> Ms. Jane Parks, Reports Analyst Reports Analysis Division Federal Election Commission 999 E Street, NW Washington, DC

> > Re:

Graham South Carolina Victory Committee, Inc.

FEC ID #C00378257

Dear Ms. Parks:

This firm serves as counsel to the Graham South Carolina Victory Committee, Inc. ("Victory Committee"). My client received a letter from your office dated July 24, 2002 which asked several questions. I was out of town on the day when the Treasurer, Mr. Clarence Davis, first actually received the letter (August 8, 2002). Mr. Davis contacted your office and was advised that a response needed to be forwarded that very day in order to be considered timely filed.

First, it has been my understanding from previous dealings with your office that an additional three (3) days is added to the date of such a letter as the starting point for calculating the fifteen day response period. My understanding was that this three day period was to account for mailing and delivery of the letter to respondents. If this practice has changed and no time is now allowed for the mailing and delivery of a letter from your office, please notify me as that is different from the previous standard practice with which I am familiar.

In any event, my assistant in this office worked with Mr. Davis and a response was prepared and mailed to your office via certified mail, on August 8, 2002 in order not to be tardy in responding. You may recall speaking with Ms. Madelynn Lane from my firm about the questions contained in your letter - and you are no doubt aware that my client did in fact submit a response on that date.

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The purpose of this letter is to correct several factual errors which are contained in your letter of July 24, 2002 in order that the public record does not reflect erroneous information.

- I. Graham South Carolina Victory Committee, Inc. filed with the FEC a Statement of Organization as a separate reporting committee and a *joint fundraising representative* of Graham for Senate and the South Carolina Republican Party, as the joint fundraising participants. A copy of the Statement of Organization, file-stamped and dated as received by the Commission on June 5, 2002, is attached.
- 2. On June 12, 2002, Graham for Senate filed its amended Statement of Organization to indicate the additional depository account of the Graham for Senate Committee and to notify the Commission of the appointment of a joint fundraising representative.
- 3. On June 12, 2002, Lindsey Graham filed his amended Statement of Candidacy to authorize the Graham South Carolina Victory Committee, Inc to act as a joint fundraising representative on his behalf.
- 4. The Statement of Organization for the Graham South Carolina Victory Committee, Inc. provides on page 2, #8 that the Graham for Senate Committee is a joint fundraising participant of the Graham South Carolina Victory Committee, Inc. and it specifically states as follows: *See attachment for additional joint fundraising participant*. The only attachment to the Statement of Organization contains the name and address of the South Carolina Republican Party.

It is our belief that my client was, prior to your letter, in full compliance with the Commission's filing and documentation requirements as well as the Commission's regulations at 11 C.F.R. §102.17. I am not clear as to why my client received this letter in the first place.

Also, it is my understanding from my assistant that you advised her *not* to indicate on the front page of this filing the existing FEC ID # of the Graham South Carolina Victory Committee, Inc. and *not* to check the box indicating that the filing on August 8, 2002 was an amendment. Thus, the box is checked 'new' and there is no FEC ID# listed on the filing of that date. I do *not* think this is correct manner in which to proceed, but my assistant stated that it was prepared that way at your instruction.

I am concerned that your July 24, 2002 letter contains incorrect information and further, I am concerned that the document prepared and filed on August 8, 2002, in response to your letter and instructions may create future confusion if not properly listed as an <u>amendment</u> to an earlier filing. I do not want a *new* Graham South Carolina Victory Committee, Inc. to be established as a result of that response letter, with a separate FEC ID #.

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Please take whatever steps are necessary to be certain that only one Graham South Carolina Victory Committee, Inc. is listed with the Commission. We would also appreciate it if you would please correct your records as indicated above to note that there was/is no improper use of a candidate's name – and, further, that the original filing did in fact specify that the South Carolina Republican Party was/is a joint fundraising participant in the Graham South Carolina Victory Committee, Inc.

Please contact me at (202) 295-8041 if you have any further questions regarding this matter.

Thank you in advance for your prompt attention to this matter and your assistance in making sure the files/records are corrected.

Sincerely,

Cleta Mitchell Foley & Lardner

Attachments.

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Mr. Clarence Davis, Treasurer

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