

MICHAEL J. BATTLES

Tuesday, July 6, 2004

Lynn M. Fraser
Assistant Director, ADR Office
Federal Election Commission
Washington, D.C. 20463

Re: ADR #159

Dear Ms. Fraser:

Thank you for your most recent correspondence, which I received today, and for your May 3rd letter, which listed specific campaign contributions that your office had preliminarily found to warrant further examination for possible violations of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended.

For your information, it has been somewhat difficult to follow up your inquiries as promptly as may be normal. My volunteer campaign manager was recalled to active duty and has been serving in Iraq. I was personally unaware of the contributions and campaign finance details during the campaign and communication with my campaign finance manager, Gil Baird, has been intermittent at best since he relocated out of state thereafter.

Without conceding any right to respond on the merits, I would propose that this matter might be resolved promptly, and request an early meeting to discuss available and appropriate means of settlement and/or repayment as may be proper. The guidance of your office in this matter will be helpful in reaching a suitable resolution.

Your willingness to set an early meeting is greatly appreciated. I am available at your convenience – but would welcome a date prior to July 16, if possible.

A hard copy of this letter has been mailed first-class, postage prepaid on this date to your attention.

Yours truly,


Michael J. Battles

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