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MEMORANDUM

TO: LAWRENCE H. NORTON
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THROUGH: JAMES A. PEHRKON 
STAFF DIRECTOR

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FROM: JOHN D. GIBSON 
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REPORTS ANALYSIS DIVISION

SUBJECT: REFERRAL OF THE OHIO STATE REPUBLICAN PARTY

This is a referral of the Ohio State Republican Party ("the Committee") for amending its 2003 August Monthly Report, to disclose additional receipts which in the aggregate equal \$144,725.57, a 311.9% increase. According to the 2003-2004 RAD Review and Referral Procedures for Unauthorized Committees (Standard 7), this matter requires further examination by your office.

Copies of any reports or letters either filed by the Committee or sent by the Reports Analysis Division and referenced in this referral, are available for your review on the FEC Imaging System or the web site.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Andy Dodson at 694-1130.

Attachment

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REPORTS ANALYSIS REFERRAL

TO

OFFICE OF GENERAL COUNSEL

DATE: April 1, 2004

ANALYST: Julie Perry

- I. COMMITTEE: Ohio State Republican Party (C00162339)
Sarah Brown, Treasurer
211 S. Fifth Street
Columbus, OH 43215
- II. RELEVANT STATUTE: 2 U.S.C. §434(b)(2)(A), 2 U.S.C. §434(b)(2)(C),
2 U.S.C. §434(b)(2)(J)
11 C.F.R. §104.3(a)(2)(i)(A),
11 C.F.R. §104.3(a)(2)(i)(B),
11 C.F.R. §104.3(a)(2)(ii),
11 C.F.R. §104.3(a)(2)(viii)

III. BACKGROUND:

Failure to Disclose All Financial Activity

The Ohio State Republican Party ("the Committee") filed an Amended 2003 August Monthly Report on September 18, 2003 to disclose additional receipts totaling \$144,725.57.

On August 20, 2003, the Committee filed the 2003 August Monthly Report covering the period from July 1, 2003 through July 31, 2003. This original report disclosed no receipts on Line 11(a)(i) (itemized contributions from individuals/persons other than political committees), Line 11(a)(ii) (unitemized contributions from individuals/ persons other than political committees), Line 11(b) (contributions from political party committees), and Line 17 (other federal receipts) of the Detailed Summary Page (Image # 23991778292).

The Committee also filed a miscellaneous document immediately after submitting the 2003 August Monthly, informing the Commission that they were having problems retrieving contributor information from their vendor (Image # 23991778457).

On September 18, 2003, the Committee filed an Amended 2003 August Monthly Report which disclosed \$23,880 on Line 11(a)(i) (itemized contributions from individuals/persons), \$75,962.97 on Line 11(a)(ii) (unitemized contributions from individuals/ persons), \$1,442.85 on Line 11(b) (contributions from political party committees), and \$43,439.75 on Line 17 (other federal receipts) of the Detailed Summary Page, which totaled \$144,725.57 in additional receipts (Image # 23991962946).

On December 17, 2003, a Request for Additional Information (RAFI) was sent to the Committee. The RAFI asked for clarification regarding the \$144,725.57 in additional receipts that were not disclosed on the Committee's original 2003 August Monthly Report (image # 23038252406).

On December 30, 2003, Terri Mathews, Controller for the Committee, responded to the RAFI by stating that "We were experiencing a great deal of corruption in our contributor database, our database vendor cleared this situation and all contributions are now correct" (image # 23992569187).

To date, no further communication has been received from the Committee regarding this matter.

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