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MEMORANDUM

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TO: The Commission

THROUGH: Robert J. Costa 
Acting Staff Director

FROM: Allan D. Silberman 
Director, ADR Office

SUBJ: ADR 284 – Idaho Republican Party and Andrew Fales, Treasurer
Recommendation to Approve Settlement Agreement

Attached for your review is a signed negotiated ADR settlement agreement pertaining to **ADR 284/AR 05-04**, Idaho Republican Party and Andrew Fales, Treasurer (the “Respondents”). This matter was opened on June 30, 2005 and assigned to the ADR Office (ADRO) on August 12, 2005.

Audit determined that the Idaho Republican Party and Andrew Fales, Treasurer, i.e., “the Respondents”, failed to disclose the occupation and/or name of the employer for approximately 31% of the contributions received from individuals listed on Respondents’ disclosure reports for the 2002 election cycle. In addition, Respondents failed to maintain “best efforts” notices and were unable to submit copies of such. Audit reviewed contributions itemized on Schedules A and concluded that the explanation “information requested” was filed for 90% of the aforementioned entries. Respondents maintained no samples of solicitation that would have enabled the Audit staff to verify what information had been requested. Respondents also advised that their software automatically entered “information requested” in the occupation or employer field when left blank. No further effort to obtain the missing information had been undertaken by Respondents’ staff. They subsequently advised that the software problem was corrected and that revised established procedures, a copy of which was provided, have been put in place.

Recommendations:

- 1) Approve the attached Settlement Agreement pertaining to Idaho Republican Party and Andrew Fales, Treasurer.
- 2) Approve the appropriate letters.
- 3) Close the file on this matter.

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