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MEMORANDUM

June 13, 2006

TO: The Commission

THROUGH: Robert J. Costa 
Acting Staff Director

FROM: Allan D. Silberman 
Director, ADR Office

BY: Lynn M. Frase 
Assistant Director, ADR Office

SUBJECT: ADR 316 North Carolina Democratic Party-Federal and
Muriel K. Offerman, Treasurer,
Recommendation to Approve Settlement Agreement

Attached for your review is a signed negotiated ADR Settlement Agreement pertaining to **ADR 316 (RR 06L-04)**. This case was opened on February 21, 2006, and was assigned to the ADR Office on March 16, 2006.

SUMMARY: RAD referred the North Carolina Democratic Party-Federal and Muriel K. Offerman, Treasurer, ("Respondents" or the "Committee") for failing to file seven (7) 24-Hour Notices to support seven (7) independent expenditures totaling \$59,488 made after the 20th day, but more than 24 hours, before the 2004 General election. On December 2, 2004, the Committee filed an original 2004 30 Day Post-General Report, which included a Schedule E disclosing two (2) independent expenditures totaling \$41,500 made on behalf of one (1) federal candidate. On December 15, 2004, Respondents filed an Amended 2004 30 Day Post-General Report, which included a Schedule E, as well as a memo Schedule E, disclosing eight (8) independent expenditures totaling \$63,460 made on behalf of one (1) federal candidate. Based on the information and expenditures disclosed on the amended report, RAD concluded the Committee was required to file seven (7) 24-Hour Notices totaling \$59,488. In response to a RFAI, the Committee stated it had submitted an electronic memo on December 15, 2004, explaining

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that, due to an oversight, it made independent expenditures on behalf of Kerry-Edwards that exceeded the threshold for filing 24-hour reports, but did not file the 24-hour reports.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Approve the attached settlement agreement of the North Carolina Democratic Party-Federal and Muriel K. Offerman, Treasurer.
2. Approve the appropriate letters.
3. Close the file on this matter.

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