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**MEMORANDUM**

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TO: The Commission

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Chief Compliance Officer

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SUBJECT: ADR 456 South Dakota Republican Party For The 2005-2006 Election Cycle and Paul Knecht, Treasurer, Informational Memo on Assignment

The Reports Analysis Division has referred RAD 08L-17 to the ADR Office and the ADR Office has assigned the matter ADR 456. We have included a summary of the referral for your information. We anticipate initiating ADR on March 19, 2008. Please contact Deborah Ruth Kant if you have any questions or concerns before then. A copy of the referral is in the voting ballots folder.

**Summary of Case:** The Reports Analysis Division referred South Dakota Republican Party and Paul Knecht, Treasurer (Respondents or the Committee) for a series of reporting errors and other FECA violations during the 2006 election cycle. These errors included mathematical discrepancies, failures to itemize contributions from individuals, impermissible contributions from unregistered political committees, missing supporting schedules, and problems relating to allocable expenses, federal election activity and coordinated expenditures. The Committee also failed to file two reports.

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