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**MEMORANDUM**

January 26, 2009

TO: The Commission

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Chief Compliance Officer

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SUBJECT: ADR 484 Democratic Party of Arkansas and Karen Garcia, Treasurer,  
Informational Memo on Assignment

The Reports Analysis Division referred RAD 09L-03 for processing, and the ADR Office designated the referral ADR 484. We included a summary and discussion of the referral for your information. We anticipate initiating communication with Respondents in ADR 484 on January 30, 2009. Please contact Lynn Fraser 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 the Democratic Party of Arkansas and Karen Garcia, Treasurer (Respondents or the Committee) for a series of reporting errors and other FECA violations during the 2006 election cycle. A political committee may be referred if, after an internal review of reports filed by the committee, the Commission determines the reports do not meet the threshold requirements for substantial compliance with the FECA. The Committee's errors included, among other things: failures to itemize contributions, mathematical discrepancies, failures to provide supporting schedules, failures to disclose all categories of administrative expenses; FEA/Levin Funds; and failures to clarify possible candidate fundraising expenses.

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