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MEMORANDUM

November 24, 2009

TO: The Commission

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SUBJECT: ADR 526 Washington State Republican Party and Colleen Morse,
Treasurer, Informational Memo on Assignment

The Reports Analysis Division referred RAD 09L-44 for processing on November 23, 2009, and the ADR Office designated the referral ADR 526. We included a summary and discussion of the referral for your information. We anticipate initiating communication with Respondents in ADR 526 on November 27, 2009. Please contact Lynn Fraser if you have any questions or concerns before then.

Summary of Case: The Reports Analysis Division referred the Washington State Republican Party and Colleen Morse, Treasurer (Respondents or the Committee) for a series of reporting errors and other FECA violations during the 2008 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: prohibited contributions; mathematical discrepancies; failure to provide supporting schedules; federal election activity/Levin Funds; and allocated Federal and Non-Federal Activity.

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