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MEMORANDUM

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TO: The Commission

THROUGH: Alec Palmer *AP*
Staff Director

FROM: Patricia Carmona *PC*
Chief Compliance Officer

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SUBJECT: ADR 596 Minnesota Democratic-Farmer-Labor Party and Thomas Hamilton, Treasurer, Informational Memo on Assignment

The Reports Analysis Division (RAD) referred RAD 11L-30 for processing on November 7, 2011, and the ADR Office designated the referral ADR 596. We included a summary and discussion of the referral for your information. We anticipate initiating communication with Respondents in ADR 596 on December 1, 2011. Please contact Lynn Fraser if you have any questions or concerns before then.

Summary of Case: RAD referred the Minnesota Democratic-Farmer-Labor Party and Thomas Hamilton, Treasurer (Respondents or the Committee) for a series of reporting errors and other FECA violations during the 2010 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 items: excessive or otherwise prohibited contributions; a failure to provide supporting schedules; and the allocation between federal and non-federal activity.

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