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Mr. John Warren McGarry  
Commissioner  
Federal Elections Commission  
Washington, DC 20463

Dear Mr. McGarry:

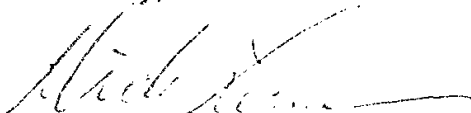
I am writing in answer to your letter of February 6, 1998. Please note the change in my address.

In my campaign for Congress in 1996, I had no paid staff and thus acted as my own Treasurer. In the hasty, closing days of October, my concentration was on the pressing events of the moment; you know the "squeaky wheel" syndrome. Thus, I missed the two deadlines, as your letter indicates. For this transgression, I beg the Commission's pardon, ask for its understanding, and plead for a little mercy.

The day after my resounding defeat, I finished both reports - the October Quarterly Report and the 12 Day Pre-General Report. There was absolutely no desire to withhold any information from the public. It was simply my inability to find more than twenty-four hours in a day.

My reports showed: a) I did not receive any support from my party and relatively small amounts from labor, so there was no ability for a last minute blitz that might have swung the election. b) The total I received in the Fall campaign was \$10,395. c) I paid two-thirds of the entire expenses of my campaign. d) There is no pot of gold in or available to my committee. It owes me almost \$45,000.

Sincerely,



Dick Lane

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cc: General Counsel's Office

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