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VIA FACSIMILEXavier K. McDonnell, Esq.
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202.639.7501**RE: MUR 4721****Didrickson for U.S. Senate and Tom Hughes, Treasurer**

Dear Xavier:

You recently asked for clarification of some additional items relating to the above captioned investigation. Before addressing the specific request, I think it is important to review the overall matter.

The events that we are discussing occurred in 1997 at the beginning of a Senate primary campaign. The matter initiated by Ms. Didrickson's primary opponent was based upon allegations concerning the campaign's use of a bus. Questions regarding the amount of time, cost and use of the bus have been thoroughly addressed in our responses.

Ms. Didrickson lost the primary race in the spring of 1998. At that time, the people who worked on the campaign disbanded the offices and moved on to other positions. We have made every attempt to re-create the events, locate persons, jog the memory of such persons involved in your inquiry, and produce documents responsive to your requests. To the best of our abilities, we have provided answers to your questions and follow-up questions that were sworn to under oath. In spite of our efforts to comply in this matter, not all requested information is available.

You recently asked us to address the following issues:

1. In your June 14, 1999 Responses to Additional Interrogatories, you stated that the bus company mistakenly sent the original invoice to your address at the Illinois Office of the Comptroller instead of to the campaign office. Is there any record or documentation that shows that the invoice went to the wrong address and was rerouted?

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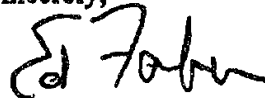
2. How many bus companies did Kent Gray contact? In the June 14, 1999 Responses, in the answer to Question 10, you state that Kent Gray "solicited two bids from the bus companies, one in Mt. Vernon, Illinois and one in Springfield, Illinois. In a subsequent letter dated July 7, 1999, you provided the names and addresses of the following bus companies that Kent Gray contacted: Mid America in Elk Grove Village, Illinois and Vandalia Bus Lines in Caseyville, Illinois. Since the locations of the named bus companies differs from the locations provided in the June 14 Responses, please clarify whether these are additional companies that were contacted or if they are the same two companies originally cited.
3. In your answer to question 12(a) of the Answers to Follow-Up Questions and Additional Interrogatories dated June 11, 1999, you refer to a "cover memo" that itemized outstanding obligations. If available, please produce the cover memo.

Responses:

1. We have been unable to locate the documentation transmitting the bill and those rerouting the bill.
2. To the best of our knowledge, the two bus companies named in the July 7, 1999 letter are the same ones that were referenced in our June 11, 1999 submission. Campaign staff were searching for bus companies operating, not necessarily based, in certain parts of the state.
3. We have been unable to locate any cover memos that itemized outstanding obligations.

Considering the amount of time that has passed since these events took place and all that has occurred, we would like to set up a meeting with you at your earliest convenience to bring this matter to conclusion. Thank you.

Sincerely,



Edward P. Faberman