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February 28, 2000

**Ms. Alva Smith
Federal Election Commission
Office of General Counsel
999 E Street NW
Washington, DC 20463**

RE: MUR 4968

Dear Ms. Smith:

Pursuant to our telephone conversation of February 25, 2000, I am forwarding this response of Perot '96 with respect to MUR 4968 (dated February 11, 2000) to your attention. I received the copy of MUR 4968 on February 15, 2000. By my calculation, this response is required to be submitted by March 1, 2000.

I am the treasurer of Perot '96 ("the committee"), and I have served continuously in that capacity from the time the committee was first organized in 1996. You will find that all required reports of the committee have been filed on a timely basis with the Federal Election Commission ("the FEC") throughout the life of the committee.

An audit of the books and records of Perot '96 by the FEC was commenced in April of 1997. Mr. Perot had encouraged the commencement of this audit by speaking directly with commissioners and staff members of the FEC. Mr. Perot and the staff of Perot '96 were anxious to wind up the affairs on the committee.

The field work for the audit was concluded in October 1997. Three outstanding matters were noted in the audit. The first matter was resolved in 1999, the second matter was resolved on January 20, 2000, and the third matter remains open at this time. That item is related to the reporting of occupations of contributors to Perot '96. We believe this matter will be resolved by the FEC in the near future.

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Perot '96 ceased its formal operations on February 28, 1999. As the treasurer of the committee, I have continued to file the required FEC reports. It is my understanding that the FEC continued to review the reports filed by Perot '96 after the conclusion of the field work through the time the office was closed in February 1999.

The complaint contained in MUR 4968 is, frankly, confusing and bewildering to me. Perot '96 maintained meticulous records utilizing sophisticated accounting software and systems. The expenditures of the campaign were well documented in the various reports filed with the FEC, and were reasonable in all respects.

From what I can decipher from the voluminous material submitted by the complainants, they are asking the FEC to, "thoroughly investigate our suspicions and assumptions pertaining to the reporting by BOTH Perot '96 and RPUSA." (Text from Page 5 of letter to the FEC from Mary Clare and William T. Wohlford dated February 3, 2000.) This desire on the part of the Wohlfords is apparently motivated by the fact that they, "felt that it was meet and right and our bounden duty to give the responsible officials the opportunity to 'self correct' if possible." (Text from Page 3).

In response to the vague allegations and ramblings contained in the complaint and attached material, as treasurer of Perot '96, I am simply affirming that the reports signed and filed by me on behalf of Perot '96 are true and accurate, and that all expenditures were made in connection with the activities of Perot '96.

With respect to future correspondence to Perot '96, please note the change of address below:

Mr. J. Michael Poss, Treasurer
Perot '96
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Sincerely,



J. Michael Poss

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