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OFFICE OF GENERAL
COUNSEL

Jeff S. Jordan
Supervisory Attorney
Federal Election Commission
999 E Street, NW
Washington, DC 20463

Dear Mr. Jordan:

Thank you for your correspondence of April 21 regarding MUR 5001, yet another complaint by Mr. Rickey Jamerson.

Due to an oversight on the part of the campaign, the material in question did not have a disclaimer on it. The campaign regrets the oversight. I assure you and the Commission that it was completely unintentional. However, only a small number of these items (250) were photocopied and not all were distributed prior to the campaign realizing the error. Of those that were distributed, the vast majority were distributed in envelopes from the campaign, each of which clearly have the disclaimer printed on them. The audience for the information was limited to a select number of persons as evidenced by the number of photocopies printed and because they received them in campaign envelopes the origin of the material was quite clear to the recipients. We regret the error and assure you and the Commission that we will be especially mindful of doing all we can to prevent this accident from occurring in the future. But, rest assured it was simply an error. It is the campaign's regular practice to include the disclaimer on printed materials.

Enclosed please find a copy of the invoice for the photocopies, which were made at Schaeffer Printing. Also please find enclosed a campaign envelope of the same type in which the material was delivered. As you will see upon inspection of the envelope, the disclaimer is clearly and prominently displayed.

While we are happy to discover and correct where possible, any errors in the campaign's reports or with respect to any other matter we would respectfully suggest that the Federal Election Commission please note that this complaint by Mr. Jamerson is the such

complaint in a short period of time. Each of Mr. Jamerson's complaints has been notarized by a Mr. Darryl Piggee who, according to the Clay, Jr. for Congress committee report to the Federal Election Commission submitted on April 15, 2000, was paid \$1,680.50 by the committee in the 1st quarter of this year (see pages 22, 23 & 24 of the report). Of that amount, \$1,500.00 was paid to Mr. Piggee as a retainer for his services as an attorney. We suspect that we will have the benefit of Mr. Jamerson and Mr. Piggee's assistance in identifying every mistake, no matter how small, that our campaign might make from now until the end of the election in August. We welcome the opportunity to delineate the circumstances of any and all such matters, but we would be remiss in failing to bring to your attention the origin and motive of the complaints you have received and those that might be received in the coming months.

If you have any questions regarding this response or anything else with respect to the Dooley for Congress campaign please feel free to contact us at your convenience.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Everett Ballard", with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

Everet Ballard
Treasurer

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