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Ms. Alva E. Smith
Central Enforcement Docket
Federal Elections Commission
999 E Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20463

Re: Response to MUR 5020 On Behalf of Mirage Resorts, Inc., Mr.
Richard "Skip" Bronson, and Mr. Mark Juliano

Dear Ms. Smith:

We write to you on behalf of Mirage Resorts, Inc. ("Mirage"), Mr. Richard "Skip" Bronson, and Mr. Mark Juliano, in response to MUR 5020. We have previously provided to you executed Statements of Designation of Counsel for each respondent.

THE ALLEGATIONS

The complaint which gave rise to MUR 5020 alleges that respondents Juliano and Bronson, on behalf of Mirage, collected, "bundled" and acted as a conduit for 17 contributions to the Gormley for Senate Committee.

The allegation in the complaint contains no factual support and appears to be based upon the simple facts that (i) respondents Juliano and Bronson were known to be supporters of the Gormley campaign, (ii) respondents Juliano and Bronson are executives of an entity which is affiliated with Mirage, and (iii) 15 of the 17 contributions identified as bundled were all reported as being received by the Gormley for Senate Committee on the same date, March 21, 2000.

RESPONSE

Simply stated, Respondents Juliano and Bronson did not "bundle" or act as a conduit for any contributions to the Gormley for Senate Committee.

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The complaint lists the following 15 contributions as each being received on March 21, 2000: Albert Faccinto, Jr. (2 x \$1,000 contributions); Robert Baldwin (\$1,000); Frank Visconti (\$1,000); Mark Schorr (\$1,000); Boone Wayson (2 x \$1,000 contributions); Elaine Wynn (2 x \$1,000 contributions); Stephen Wynn (2 x \$1,000 contributions); David Weissman (2 x \$1,000 contributions); and Bruce Levin (2 x \$1,000 contributions).

Each of these 15 contributions was received by the Gormley for Senate Committee in connection with a single fund-raising event held at a restaurant in the Bellagio (then a Mirage subsidiary) in Las Vegas, Nevada. Several Mirage executives, among others, attended this fund-raising event. This would explain why the 15 contributions are all reported as being received on the same date. In addition, we have confirmed with the Gormley for Senate Committee that the Gormley committee paid for this event in its entirety.

The other two contributions, received from Herbert Gruder (\$1,000) and M. Dianne Poole (\$1,000) were not received in connection with the Las Vegas fund-raiser but were also not "bundled" by Mr. Bronson or Mr. Julianio.

As there is -- and can be -- no factual support for any allegations that Mr. Bronson or Mr. Julianio "bundled" or acted as a conduit for any contributions to the Gormley for Senate Committee, we ask that MUR 5020 be closed with no further action taken.

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Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me at (415) 389-6800.
Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,


Steven S. Lucas

cc: Richard "Skip" Bronson (by mail)

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