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Friends of Dave Eshleman and
Joe Rodriguez, as treasurer
10840 Bennett Drive
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July 23, 2001

Mr. Donald Campbell
c/o Federal Election Commission
Washington, D.C. 20463

REF: MUR 5211

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Dear Mr. Campbell;

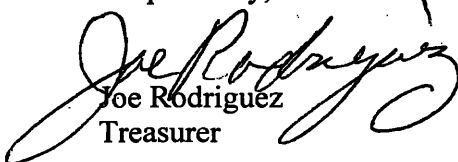
In response to your letter dated June 20, 2001, we have amended the report for 9/2/99 thru 10/11/99. Mr. Eshleman's loans have been moved to the proper schedules.

Per your phone conversation with our staff, I will try to explain the oversight in not reporting timely Mr. Eshleman's two loans in the amount of \$60,000.

This was a Special Election. The volunteers had approximately 6-7 weeks to set-up and work on this election. Since no one on Mr. Eshleman's staff had previously worked on a federal campaign, Mr. Robert Gaines with Christinsen McDivitt, Inc., was retained to run the campaign. Mr. Gaines did inform us of many reporting rules, including the 48-hour requirement for contributions of \$1,000.00 or more. He did not mention that loans were the same as contributions for the 48-hour rule, however. Mr. Gaines was aware that Mr. Eshleman was loaning the campaign money from its inception. The first we became aware of the requirement was when we received the letter from Ms. Lisa Simpson dated November 5, 1999. Since that date we have filed all reports in a timely manner.

The federal election campaign laws are very complicated and that is why an expert from Washington, D.C. was employed. We would ask that the Commission carefully reconsider the fine imposed on Mr. Eshleman after reviewing the above information.

Respectively,


Joe Rodriguez
Treasurer

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