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Jeff S. Jordan, Supervisory Attorney  
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Washington, D.C. 20463

Re: Tony Cardenas 2000, Tony Cardenas  
for City Council and Kinde Durkee,  
Treasurer  
MUR 5304

Dear Mr. Jordan:

On January 22, 2003, I wrote to you indicated that this law firm is counsel to the referenced committees and their treasurer. In that letter, I informed you that every effort would be made to respond, by January 30, 2003, to the allegations in the September 200 letter to the Commission from the National Republican Congressional Committee (NRCC).

Unfortunately, this law firm moved its offices on January 31, 2003. And I have been out of the office ill with a stomach virus since February 1, 2003. Yesterday and today, which are my first days back to work, I have been out of the office, in Sacramento, California, on business. And I will be out of the office on Monday, February 10, 2003, attending a settlement conference in San Diego, California. Accordingly, I have not had an opportunity to collect and review the documents relevant to your investigation nor have I had a chance to meet with my client to discuss the issues raised by the NRCC.

It is the position of my clients that there was no "swopping" of campaign contributions or other money laundering of any kind. However, it will take some time to compile and digest

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the information in a format that will be useful in your investigation. Accordingly the referenced committees and their treasurers request that you extend them the courtesy of waiting until Tuesday, February 18, 2003 for a response in this matter.

I appreciate your courtesy. Should you need to speak with someone before my return to the office on February 11, 2003, please contact my secretary, Cheryl Winborne, and she will attempt to locate me.

Very truly yours,

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