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RE: MUR 5396

Dear Ms. Painter:

Bauer for President 2000, Inc. submitted a timely extension request on December 23, 2003 for the due date for its response to MUR 5396. Inasmuch as the committee has received no notification from the Commission that this extension request has been granted, the committee is hereby submitting its response.

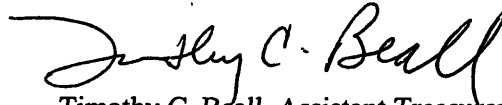
The committee believes it has explained its position fully with respect to these issues through its responses to both the Exit Conference Memorandum and the subsequent audit report. The committee believes that each of these issues represents arms length fair-market commercial transactions. The committee believes that the list exchange agreement with Campaign for Working Families resulted in an equivalent exchange of value.

With regard to the vendors, the committee did not receive any favorable treatment from these vendors and paid these vendors as soon as funds to do so were received from a loan guaranteed by future matching funds receipts. The committee notes that with respect to a similar issue involving the Quayle campaign, the Commission decided to take no further action and did not impose a fine.

The committee continues to believe that no violations of Commission regulations have occurred.

We will await the Commission's response in this matter.

Respectfully submitted,



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