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Re: Matter Under Review 5871

Dear Ms. Ligon:

As you are aware, the undersigned represents Mr. Michael Boyle in connection with Matter Under Review 5871. Please consider this letter notice of Mr. Boyle's desire to explore the possibility of entering into pre-probable cause conciliation.

In response to the factual and legal analysis forwarded by the commission, I can offer the following: On or about October 30, 2003, Mike Boyle did indeed attend a campaign fundraiser at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Columbus, Ohio, given by Bush/Cheney '04. Mr. Boyle did make a \$2,000 contribution in order to attend the fundraiser, and Mr. Noe did reimburse Mr. Boyle for most or that entire amount. However, Mr. Boyle's violation was not committed knowingly and willfully as alleged in the Factual and Legal Analysis.

Mr. Boyle was traveling to Columbus that day in order to play golf at a well-known golf course. At the time, he understood that he would be playing golf with Mr. Noe. Mr. Noe called him sometime prior to that date and asked if he would like to attend the fundraiser prior to playing golf. Mr. Noe offered, without request or inquiry by Mr. Boyle, to write Mr. Boyle a check to cover cost of the admission, but he did not state that the purpose of his reimbursing Mr. Boyle was in order to skirt campaign finance laws, nor did he explain that it was a violation of the law. Mr. Boyle agreed to attend the fundraiser as he was going to be in Columbus that day anyway, but he did not do so with the knowledge that receiving funds from Mr. Noe as reimbursement for the admission fee was a violation of law. Mr. Boyle does believe that he filled out a "donor card" when he attended the fundraiser, but he does not remember the content thereof and has not seen that card since the date of the fundraiser.

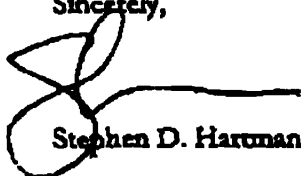
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Please contact me at your earliest convenience. If you have any questions or would like to discuss the matter further in hopes of reaching a pre-probable cause conciliation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Stephen D. Hartman", with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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Enclosure

c: Mr. Mike Boyle

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